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CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT SAN JOSE,
CALIFORNIA, MAY 18-21, 1904

OFFICERS

W. T. HOGUE, *President*.

H. H. FARNHAM, *Secretary*.

C. V. CARPENTER, *Assistant Secretary*.

M. L. WINEGARDEN, *Treasurer*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, G. W. Griffith, W. C. Graves, E. P. Hart.

On Reforms—C. V. Carpenter, A. K. Main, H. L. Kibby, R. Amidon.

On Publications—G. W. Griffith, E. P. Hart, J. Winter, Mrs. L. V. Meiser.

On State of the Work—C. H. Loomis, G. W. Griffith, Martha B. Hart, Kate Graves.

On Education—M. L. Winegarden, Chas. Fish, H. L. Kibby, Mrs. A. J. Griffin.

On Sunday-schools—W. D. Bishop, J. E. Cochran, Laura E. Butler, Henry Richardson.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. E. Cochran.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. D. Bishop, N. S. Honn, C. H. Loomis.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—G. W. Griffith, E. E. Ely, R. Amidon, H. L. Kibby.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. W. Griffith, president, one year; C. H. Loomis, two years; M. L. Winegarden, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

G. W. Griffith, president; W. C. Graves, treasurer; M. L. Winegarden, secretary; H. L. Kibby, J. Winter.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—M. L. Winegarden.

On Publications—W. C. Graves.

On State of the Work—G. W. Griffith.

On Education—Chas. Fish.

On Sunday-schools—C. V. Carpenter.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (35 cents); second quarter, General Missions (15 cents), General Superintendents (18 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants (— cents); fourth quarter, Church Extension (10 cents); Foreign Missions.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. May E. Griffith, president, 1360 Broadway, Alameda, California; Mrs. Jeanie Fish, first vice-president, Lone, California; Miss N. Alice Philbert, second vice-president, Tuolumne, California; Mrs. C. M. Carpenter, recording secretary, Hanford, California; Miss L. Anna Stuart corresponding secretary, Oakdale, California.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. P. Hart,	C. H. Loomis,	G. W. Griffith,	C. V. Carpenter,
M. L. Winegarden,	W. D. Bishop,	J. E. Cochran,	W. C. Graves,
N. S. Honn,	A. K. Main,	Chas. Fish,	E. E. Ely,
H. H. Farnham,	W. C. Simpson.		

DELEGATES

H. L. Kibby,	R. Amidon,	Kate Graves,	Martha B. Hart,
Mrs. L. V. Meiser,	Thos. Lockerman,	J. Winter,	Laura E. Butler,
Henry Richardson,	Ellen M. Chase,	Mrs. A. J. Griffin.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, G. W. Griffith, E. E. Ely, H. L. Kibby, R. Amidon.

3. None.

4. Who remain on trial? H. W. Dobbins.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. H. Farnham, an ordained elder; W. C. Simpson.

6. Who are the deacons? W. C. Simpson, W. C. Graves, Chas. Fish.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. V. Carpenter.

8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. D. Bishop.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? C. H. Loomis, M. L. Winegarden.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? A. K. Main, from the West Iowa conference; Chas. Fish, from the Pittsburg conference; E. E. Ely, from the Southern California conference.

12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$340.

22, 23. None.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? It was left with a committee composed of the following persons: G. W. Griffith, W. C. Graves, J. E. Cochran, H. L. Kibby, J. Winter, the time to be as near the second Wednesday of June as will suit the general superintendent who will preside.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-second session of this conference convened in San Jose, California, May 18-21, 1904. A large attendance was a characteristic feature of both the conference sittings and the religious services, in fact, the church building would not hold the congregations. The large tabernacle was erected and the religious services were held in it. Much of the melting power of the Spirit rested upon the people. General Superintendent W. T. Hogue presided with great acceptability, and his preaching was in the demonstration of the Spirit and power. A blessed spirit of harmony prevailed, not a discordant note being heard.

A. K. Main of the West Iowa conference, Chas. Fish of the Pittsburg conference and

E. E. Ely of the Southern California conference cast their lot with us this year and took work in the conference.

A public W. F. M. S. meeting was held on Sunday afternoon. General Superintendent W. T. Hogue preached an excellent sermon for the occasion, after which a collection of \$125 in cash and pledges was received.

Rev. J. B. Freeland, acting for the financial agent of the Los Angeles seminary, was introduced to the conference and invited to an honorary seat. By request of the conference he presented the interests of the seminary in a public educational meeting held Saturday afternoon, and received \$132 in cash and subscriptions.

A vote of thanks was tendered the general superintendent, the secretaries and the pastor and members at San Jose for their labors and kind interest taken in the entertainment and work of the conference.

APPOINTMENTS

SAN JOSE DISTRICT—G. W. GRIFFITH, District Elder, 1360 Broadway, Alameda, California.

San Jose.....	W. C. Graves, 112 N. 9th street, San Jose, California
San Jose, Chinese Mission.....	N. S. Honn, 364 N. 8th street, " "
Alameda.....	D. S. Reed, supply, 1414 Park Ave., Alameda, "
Gilroy and Morgan Hill.....	W. C. Simpson, Gilroy, "
Corralitos.....	A. K. Main, Corralitos, "
Santa Rosa and Windsor.....	H. Richardson, supply, Windsor, "
Pacheco.....	To be supplied

E. P. Hart, general superintendent, 1117 Park Ave., Alameda, California; W. D. Bishop, supernumerary, Palo Alto, California; O. H. Loomis, superannuated, Santa Clara, California; M. L. Winegarden, superannuated, Corralitos, California. The quarterly conference relation of G. W. Griffith was fixed on the San Jose district.

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT—G. W. GRIFFITH, District Elder.

Sacramento.....	J. E. Cochran, Sacramento, California
Ione and Mt. Echo.....	Chas. Fish, Ione, "
Oakdale.....	E. E. Ely, Oakdale, "
Plymouth, Cosumne and Sheldon.....	W. J. Call, supply, Plymouth, "
Chico.....	H. H. Farnham, Chico, "
Tuolumne.....	N. Alice Philbert, supply, Tuolumne, "
Ripon.....	J. F. Stuart, supply, Ripon, "

FRESNO DISTRICT—G. W. GRIFFITH, District Elder.

Fresno.....	H. W. Dobbins, Fresno, California
Hanford and Eureka.....	C. V. Carpenter, Hanford, "
Tulare.....	To be supplied

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$39.45.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$26.30.
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS'—Apportioned and paid, 47.34.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS'—Apportioned and paid, \$86.79.
 ENDOWMENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$13.15.
 TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$19.35.
 WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$533.50.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

To an itinerating Methodism the great event of the ecclesiastical year is the session of annual conference.

Hardly has one session adjourned or the ink on the secretary's pen become dry, before thoughts (anticipatory of good or ill) of the next session come crowding in. And as the months whirl by, it is the Mecca toward which all eyes are turned. The place and time of holding the same having been fixed, it immediately becomes the center of gravitation for

certain restless terrestrial bodies who, becoming detached from their specified orbits, are propelled toward this center with a force, the velocity of which is in proportion to the success they have had, or the hopes of a better orbit for the coming year.

In common with our forefathers since the days of Wesley, we find ourselves once more in conference assembled. From fields of labor as diverse and varied as God's nature world, we have come; some from fields which have seemed as arid and monotonous as Sahara. Others from fields through which have gently flowed purling brooks and sparkling streams, on the banks of which hours and days of gladness have been spent in the midst of flowers and singing birds. Still others have descended from mountain peaks of blessing, bearing the halo of a transfigured life and exalted views of the larger Christ. And is it too much to say that some may have come from the tempest-stirred, lightning-riven field, on which the setting sun throws athwart the dark background of the receding storm, the variegated colors of the rainbow of peace. Be that as it may, one and all can appropriately sing:

"Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
We have already come
'Tis grace hath led us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home."

Although for the present moment we may be unconsciously humming, "veiled is the future before me" the difficulties that confront us in our work in this conference, it might imply a weakness of faith so to do.

Let us rather give a review of the work of the year.

Some advancement has been made. A new church has been built at Chico. A Sunday-school room has been added to the church at Alameda. Repairs and improvements have been made at Ione, Oakdale and Corralitos. A new church is being projected at San Jose. The church property at Sutter Creek has been sold for \$800 or \$775 net. The Tims legacy of \$124 to the church at Plymouth has been nearly all paid. A bequest amounting to \$300 or \$400 has been left to the church at San Jose by our lamented Sister Parks, who has been translated to glory during the year.

Three new classes have been organized. One at Tuolumne of six members, one at Ripon of five and one at Sacramento of seventeen and four probationers. This latter work is in a very encouraging condition and has an excellent prospect. Three tent meetings have been held and Revs. C. R. Ebey, C. B. Langdon and J. B. Freeland have labored acceptably as evangelists. Revival meetings have been held at Corralitos, Windsor, Oakdale, Ione, Plymouth and Chico, resulting in blessing and some fruit to the church. The reports of the preachers will show an increase in membership of about twenty-five. A revival spirit has prevailed upon some circuits and it is a matter of humiliation that it has not upon all. There are some preachers who, no matter where they are sent, are fairly successful in promoting a revival spirit. It seems to corroborate the words of Rev. B. T. Roberts when he said:

"It is the duty then of every minister of the gospel to succeed in saving souls. If he does not, he is either out of place, or he does not fill his place. The fault is his. He must not lay his failure to do good to the perverse state of things. If everybody was right, there would be no need of ministers. There is no preaching in heaven." May every one of us become possessed with the conviction that we must succeed in promoting revivals of religion.

The reports of the preachers will show an increase in the amount of money raised for all purposes. The W. F. M. S. will report over \$500 for missions in addition to what has been raised by the preachers.

The Sabbath-school work is in a hearty state. I have been pleased to see the interest which is being manifested by our people in this important work. The Normal Bible Study can be made a great blessing. The class at Alameda have received diplomas in honor of their having completed the course. Classes are at work at Ione, San Jose and Corralitos. And yet a great deal more ought to be done on this line. This study will be a great blessing to the young people and they ought to become interested in it.

The class meetings present a puzzling problem. We have very few, if any, old-fashioned class meetings. They have degenerated into praise and testimonial meetings. A return to the primitive plan would surely conduce to a deepening of spirituality among our people.

It would be well if all our preachers, the elder included, would keep to the discipline and examine the leaders on how they lead their classes and, by wise and judicious counsel, endeavor to increase the efficiency of this very important feature of spiritual and aggressive Methodism.

It would be an injustice if your committee were to close this report without giving expression to a word of tribute to a small class of persons among us, of whom the world is not worthy; those who have forsaken homes, sometimes of ease and comfort, to endure privation, toil and burden; those who always have an open ear and a sympathetic heart for the preacher in his cares and trials; those who, under God are often the silent factors in a preacher's success; those who are often unrewarded and unnoticed in the rewards and

emoluments that come to their companions, though deserving of the best heaven can yield, earth can give; to these, the uncrowned queens of Christianity—the wives of our itinerants—we accord this feeble tribute. Committee.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Recognizing the potency of the press either for good or for evil; as workers in the Master's vineyard, we feel it incumbent on us to utilize, to the extent of our ability, this powerful agency for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom. We are thankful, that as a denomination, we are favored with a publishing house which is so ably and wisely conducted and which is so well provided with facilities for the publication of books, tracts and general religious and reformatory literature. We feel that as a church, we are especially favored in having as publishing agents, men who are not only reliable in business integrity, but awake and progressive in business methods as well. The FREE METHODIST having for years fully maintained its reputation as the leading holiness advocate of the day, is always gladly welcomed at our homes. The Sunday-school papers and literature under the efficient management of the Sunday-school secretary are unsurpassed. We are pleased to make favorable mention of the *Pacific Free Methodist*, edited and published by one of our own members who, amid his multiplied duties, gives us in this valuable sheet "much in little." Let this publication be in every family of our membership in the conference territory.

The *Earnest Christian* has ever been a kind of John the Baptist to our work, going before and preparing the way of the Lord.

These publications together with books and tracts published by our agents, read and studied in connection with the Word of God, will tend to build us up in holy character, and make us efficient workers in the advancement of the Lord's kingdom.

We heartily recommend "Reminiscences of Early Free Methodism" by our senior general superintendent.

G. W. GRIFFITH,	} Committee.
E. P. HART,	
J. WINTER,	
MRS. L. V. MISER,	

IV.—ON REFORMS.

We your committee on reforms respectfully submit the following report:

There is properly but one right side to all questions. God's side is always right, therefore all questions of reform should be viewed in the light of God's word.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC—We believe that the liquor traffic is the common foe of the human race, and merits the just condemnation of all well meaning people. Nearly all other evils that overshadow our land, and are a blot upon civilization, may be traced to this one great source of evil as the foundation of their existence. The saloon is a mighty force in demoralizing the nation, the home and the individual. It fastens its iron grip upon all classes, the rich and the poor, the high and low. It regards not the plea of the widow, neither does it hear the cry of the orphan, nor the wail from the homes it has destroyed. Its devastation is spread abroad in the land. There is no fear of God before its eyes. The poison of asps is under its lips. Its mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. Destruction and misery are in its ways, and the way of peace has it not known. Its work is debauchery, crime and misery, its aim is the destruction of both soul and body in hell. Therefore,

Resolved, that we as a conference do all in our power to uproot this nefarious traffic from our land.

SECRET SOCIETIES—We believe that oath-bound secret societies are the fruits of darkness, and in principle are opposed to righteousness and the moral good of mankind. The obligations imposed on their members are a plain violation of the word of God, "Thou shalt not forswear thyself." And as secrecy may always be regarded as a ground of suspicion, let us not slacken our diligence in our warfare against these ungodly orders.

SABBATH DESECRATION—This evil is alarmingly prevalent in our land, especially in Sunday excursions and Sunday games. We can hardly pick up a secular paper but we see the announcement of some excursion or base ball game on the Sabbath day, and saddest of all, most of these games are fostered and encouraged by some of the highest educational institutions of our land. Let us by God's help, lift a voice of warning against these pleasure-seeking institutions, which are demoralizing the young, and are profaning God's holy day.

ON DRESS—We do not believe that worldly conformity or popular religion is any more favorable in our day to godliness and godly simplicity than it was when Paul delivered his eloquent address to the Athenians in the midst of Mars Hill. The Athenians were religionists, but their devotion consisted chiefly in the fashion of serving a multiplicity of gods. The popular mind is as much opposed to the cross of Christ now as it was in the days of the

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Wesleys, or when B. T. Roberts published his articles on New School Methodism. Therefore we would urge our preachers and people to guard the doors of our church against all tendencies toward formality and worldliness, and adorn ourselves in modest apparel with shamefacedness "and sobriety, not with broidered hair, or gold or pearls, or costly array, but (which becometh those professing godliness) with good works."

Humbly submitted by your committee,

C. V. CARPENTER,
A. K. MAIN,
R. AMIDON,
H. L. KIBBY.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SAN JOSE DISTRICT											
San Jose.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 3 55	\$ 56 16		\$ 597 44	\$ 98 70		1	\$ 1200	1	1000
Corralitos.....	5 65		56 65	\$ 2 55	555 70	104 76	\$ 87 95	1	2500	1	2000
Alameda.....	3 40	1 08		1 40	541 45	60 95		1	2350	1	2000
Gilroy and Morgan Hill.....	71		11 14		318 55	41 40					
Santa Rosa and Windsor.....			9 00	60	174 20	13 95	6 20				
Chinese Mission, San Jose.....					353 54						
Pacheco.....				35		18 85		1	500	1	150
IONE DISTRICT											
Ione and Mt. Echo.....	3 25		29 19		500 00	50 10	59 00	1	2000	1	1000
Oakdale.....	1 05	50	24 63		436 00	53 75	34 00	1	1500	1	500
Sacramento.....				25		2 00					
Sutter Creek.....					317 68	48 00	11 50	2	1500	2	500
Plymouth, Cosumne and Sheldon.....											
Ripon.....					90 00	11 85	40 00				
Tuolumne.....											
CHICO DISTRICT											
Chico.....			16 00	90	318 85	18 40	10 60	1	1200		
HANFORD DISTRICT											
Eureka and Hanford.....								1	800	1	250
Fresno.....											
Tulare.....											
Total.....	\$15 06	\$ 5 13	\$ 202 77	\$ 6 05	\$4303 42	\$ 522 71	\$ 250 25	10	\$ 13750	9	\$ 8400

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

SAN JOSE, IONE, CHICO AND HANFORD DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SAN JOSE DISTRICT																	
	G. W. Griffith, District Elder																
San Jose	W. C. Graves	53	12	65			1	13	75	7	\$16.80	\$8.64	\$16.80	\$7.20	\$4.80	\$3.25	\$43.55
Corralitos	J. E. Cochran	88	13	71	2	1	1	10	76	13	15.30	9.18	17.85	7.65	5.10	57.55	39.69
Alameda	M. L. Winegarden	25	3	28	3	1	1	12	57	11	9.24	5.04	9.80	2.80	2.80	8.52	64.15
Gilroy and Morgan Hill	C. H. Loomis	20	2	22			1	4	15	2	8.74	4.14	8.05	3.45	1.22	3.00	13.00
Santa Rosa and Windsor	W. C. Simpson	6	2	8	1	1	1	3	12	4	3.96	2.16	4.20	1.80	1.20		
Chinese Mission, San Jose	N. S. Honn																
Pacheco		7		7			1	3	10	2	2.31	1.35	.23	1.05	.70		
IONE DISTRICT																	
	G. W. Griffith, District Elder																
Ione and Mt. Echo	Chas. Fish, supply	18	3	21			1	1	10	40	5	7.60	3.60	7.00	3.00	2.00	26.00
Oakdale	C. V. Carpenter	34	2	36	3	3	1	8	44	3	10.98	4.68	9.90	3.90	2.60	12.90	99.46
Sacramento		17	4	21													
Sutter Creek		5		5						1	1.00						
Plymouth, Cosumne and Sheldon	W. J. Call, supply	22		22	1		2	5	40	8	9.12	4.82	8.40	3.60	2.40	21.25	7.75
Ripon		5		5													
Tuolumne	N. Alice Philbert, supply	6		6					2								
CHICO DISTRICT																	
	G. W. Griffith, District Elder																
Chico	H. W. Dobbins	13		13			1	5	26	2	5.94	3.24	6.30	2.70	1.80		1.00
HANFORD DISTRICT																	
	E. E. Ely, District Elder																
Eureka and Hanford	E. E. Ely	16		16			1	5	30	4							
Presno	O. C. Chase, supply	11		11	2	13	2	1									
Tulare	H. Richardson, supply	7		7	2	9	1										
Total		323	45	378	16	7	12	78	424	71	\$89.89	\$46.26	\$88.53	\$38.55	\$24.62	\$132.47	\$496.90

Alameda—King's Helpers Mite Society, \$26.35.

*Ione paid to China missions, \$54.15; missionary box, \$10; India and Africa orphan fund, \$65. Ione raised for tracts, \$3.30.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, JUNE 1-5, 1904

OFFICERS

W. T. HOGUE, *President*.

DAVID McLEOD, *Secretary*. JENNIE C. McLEOD, *Assistant Secretary*.

J. K. FREELAND, *Treasurer*.

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—C. B. Ebey, D. G. Shepard, James Seals.

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, M. N. Downing, D. G. Shepard, W. T. Warren.

On State of the Work—M. N. Downing, D. G. Shepard, W. T. Warren, F. J. Heil, Nels Nelson.

On Sabbath-schools—E. Leonardson, T. B. Fisher, M. C. Sperow, Mary S. Allen, J. B. Roberts, William Blumfield.

On Publications—J. K. Freeland, F. H. Horton, James Seals, Edward Cook, J. G. Wilson, Victor Larson.

On Education—C. B. Ebey, Elsworth Leonardson, D. G. Shepard, M. C. Sperow, James M. Cusick, C. S. Davis.

On Reforms—M. N. Downing, S. R. Gittins, A. B. Gill, Jennie B. Wornam, M. N. Huston.

On Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, M. N. Downing, D. G. Shepard, F. J. Heil, M. C. Sperow.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—S. R. Gittins, F. A. Ames, S. F. Heilman.

To Collect Funds to Publish Minutes—E. G. Albright, J. G. Wilson.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Ministerial Relations and Efficiency—The stationing committee.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—S. F. Heilman.

On Education—J. K. Freeland.

On Publications—D. G. Shepard.

On Reforms—F. H. Horton.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. B. Ebey, for three years; E. Leonardson, for two years; D. G. Shepard, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. B. Ebey, president; E. Leonardson, secretary; D. G. Shepard, treasurer; M. C. Sperow, F. J. Heil.

TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES FREE METHODIST SEMINARY

D. G. Shepard and Hugh L. Kibby, for one year; E. Leonardson and Henry Bush, for two years; George W. Griffith and Joel G. Baird, for three years; C. B. Ebey, for four years; M. C. Sperow, and M. L. Winegarden, for five years.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. B. Ebey,	David McLeod,	James Seals,	T. B. Fisher,
J. B. Roberts,	F. A. Ames,	S. R. Gittins,	Elsworth Leonardson,
D. G. Shepard,	M. N. Huston,	E. G. Albright,	A. B. Gill,
J. K. Freeland,	Edward Cook,	S. F. Heilman,	Clyde R. Ebey,
M. N. Downing,	F. H. Horton,	W. T. Warren,	S. O. Yelvington,
C. L. Hewitt,			

DELEGATES

F. J. Heil,	Mary S. Allen,	J. S. B. Nickel,	J. G. Warren,
C. S. Davis,	Victor Larson,	M. C. Sperow,	Mrs. M. E. Heilman,
James M. Cusick,	Jennie B. Wornam,	Nels Nelson,	Wm. Blumfield.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, M. N. Downing, D. G. Shepard, W. T. Warren, F. J. Heil, Nels Nelson, M. C. Sperow.

3, 4, 5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? E. G. Albright. Local deacons: J. G. Baird, H. M. Allen, F. A. Smith.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? S. F. Heilman, Clyde R. Ebey.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. B. Gill.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? F. H. Horton, J. K. Freeland, M. N. Huston, S. R. Gittins, E. Cook.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? S. O. Yelvington, from the Oil City conference; C. L. Hewitt, from the Arkansas and Southern Missouri conference; W. T. Warren, from the Colorado conference.

12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Mineral Park, Los Angeles, California, if terms are satisfactory. Time, as near the first week in June as will suit the plans of the general superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—M. N. DOWNING, District Elder, Whittier, California.

Los Angeles.....	David McLeod, 608 E. 6th St., Los Angeles, California
Pasadena and La Manda Park....	James Seals, 306 N. Fair Oak Ave., Pasadena, "
Whittier.....	Ada Pearce, supply, Whittier, "
Hermon and Highland Park.....	W. T. Warren, Hermon, "
Santa Ana.....	D. G. Shepard, 515 Fruit St., Santa Ana, "
Sawtelle.....	F. A. Ames, Sawtelle, "
Santa Monica.....	To be supplied
Artesia and La Habra.....	C. L. Hewitt, R. F. D. No. 1, Norwalk, California
Compton and Moneta.....	To be supplied
Monte Vista.....	To be supplied
San Diego.....	J. B. Roberts, Nora C. Roberts, supply, 917 Beach St., San Diego, California
Monrovia and Vineland.....	J. S. B. Nickel, supply, Monrovia, "

C. B. Ebey, editor of the FREE METHODIST; F. H. Horton, superannuated, 708 Cypress Ave., Pasadena, California; J. K. Freeland, superannuated, Station A, Pasadena, California; M. N. Huston, superannuated, Whittier, California; S. R. Gittins, superannuated, Santa Ana, California; Edward Cook, superannuated, Whittier, California; E. Leonardson, evangelist, 515 Fruit St., Santa Ana, California; Clyde R. Ebey, evangelist; A. B. Gill, supernumerary, Santa Ana, California.

SAN LUIS OBISPO DISTRICT—M. N. DOWNING, District Elder.

Santa Maria and Nipoma.....T. B. Fisher, Santa Maria, California
 Paso Robles.....To be supplied

ARIZONA DISTRICT—S. F. HEILMAN, District Elder, 439 E. Adams St., Phoenix, Arizona.

Phoenix.....S. O. Yelvington, 439 E. Adams St., Phoenix, Arizona
 Liberty, Pola Verde and St. John.....To be supplied
 Prescott.....E. G. Albright, 242 S. Montezuma St., Prescott, Arizona

LOCAL PREACHERS

E. C. Shipley.....744 E. 8th Street, Los California.	J. G. Baird.....744 E. 8th St., Los Angeles California.
H. M. Allen.....3081 E. 6th St., Los Angeles, California.	O. C. Chase.....Los Angeles, California
M. V. Burr.....Hermon, California	T. T. McCall....." "
F. A. Smith.....Monrovia, "	Joseph Sizelove.....Hermon, "
J. M. Cusick.....La Habra, "	J. S. B. Nickel.....Monrovia, "
C. L. Hafley.....San Marcial, New Mexico	D. B. Harrer.....Liberty, Arizona
J. G. Wilson.....Whittier, California	Nels Lundstrum.....242 S. Montezuma St., Prescott, Arizona.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Mary S. Allen.....3081 E. 6th Street, Los Angeles, California.	Mrs. Elizabeth Wyatt...Hermon, California
	Ada Pearce.....Whittier, "

EVANGELISTS

Nels Nelson.....242 S Montezuma Street, Prescott, Arizona.	Lena Nelson. 242 S. Montezuma Street Prescott, Arizona.
Iva Engle.....La Manda Park, California	Virginia Walter.....Murietta, California
James Graham.....Liberty, Arizona	Emma Graham.....Liberty, Arizona
Mary Smith.....Monrovia, California	Mary Bunda.....Santa Maria, California
Ella Chase.....Los Angeles, "	Elizabeth Albright.....Prescott, Arizona
Mrs. L. M. Huston....Whittier, California.	

MISCELLANEOUS

Seven sittings of the conference were held in connection with the camp-meeting in Mineral Park, Los Angeles, California.

General Superintendent W. T. Hogue and wife were in attendance and their labors were a blessing to the conference.

The following brethren were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: J. B. Freeland, of the South Dakota conference; M. L. Wilkinson, of the Kansas conference; G. W. Griffith, of the California conference; Clark Shay, of the Washington conference; C. B. Langdon, of the Colorado conference. C. B. Ebey was introduced as the editor of the FREE METHODIST. A number of others from sister denominations.

The following were appointed an evangelistic committee: David McLeod, James Seals, D. G. Shepard, Ada Pearce, Mary S. Allen, J. G. Wilson, M. C. Sperow, F. J. Heil.

The following is the order of the conference collections for next year: First quarter, Conference Missions, 35 cents per member; second quarter, General Missions, 15 cents per member; Church Extension, 10 cents per member; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants.

Each pastor was instructed to preach at least once on the subject of the Bible, its reading and circulation at each appointment, and take a collection at that time for the American Bible Society and its auxiliary, the California State Bible Society, collection to be paid to the conference treasurer.

A collection of \$7,000 was taken for the Los Angeles Free Methodist Seminary, besides numerous other collections amounting to about \$500.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS.

True and efficient moral reform is to restore the sway of fundamental principles, principles which make for that degree of practical righteousness which should so fully dominate in individual character, and in civil and ecclesiastical governments as to hold in check and overcome those evils which are inimical to the well-being of humanity.

The necessity for such reform argues the existence of abnormal conditions of a more or less perilous nature and which may not be expected to wholly cease, either in state or church while time endures. The Bible teaches that "In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. From such turn away." Especially should we turn from fellowship with them in order to reasonably expect to reform them.

This abnormal condition of things referred to in the foregoing scripture quotation alarmingly prevails in the present age of the world. It is that which, when it invades the home, disturbs its tranquillity; which tramples under foot the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath, which renders churches intensely worldly, which corrupts national governments, which incites war. This leaven of wickedness is the manifestation of the "carnal mind" which is "enmity against God, is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be;" and when it so affects either church or state as to dominate in anything fundamental to the interest of either, reformation is needed.

The need of moral reform movements is so diversified and world-wide that we cannot in a brief report extensively particularize. We must be content to especially mention one general evil which is, ever has been, and ever will be, while it remains, the source of many other evils which are sad, heart-sickening and destructive. We speak of that poverty-making, social-corrupting, physical-wrecking, soul-ruining, God-defying, political-bossing evil, that diabolical, national nuisance, the licensed liquor traffic. Get that out of the way, with its legion of attending evils, and it would seem that the millennial glory had already dawned. The righteousness of the ten commandments, the scope of Christ's sermon on the mount, the nature of his earthly ministry, his atoning blood, his mediatorship, the wherefore of the ministry and laity of his militant church, every God-given interest of humanity, as well as every prayer to save the drunkard and the country at large from the curse of rum, should influence every Christian voter to cast his ballot where it will count for the prohibition of the importation, exportation, manufacture and sale of all intoxicating beverages.

"Reformations to be continually efficient must be thoroughly sufficient; to be lasting they must be everlasting; they must be radical, they must go to the bottom, they must reach to the depths of the baneful and destructive causes. There must be substratum purgation. They must be in line with God's ideal of the righteousness which 'exalts a nation, and against the sin which 'is a reproach to any people.' " And whereas the might of right is mightier than the might of wrong, reformers need not fear. Though some of them may be distinguished as living fifty years in advance of the age in which they toil, yet they can afford to keep at their work, be sharply criticised by enemies, misunderstood by friends, and even die unappreciated by the masses before the desired victory is won. Their reward awaits them and their works will follow them.

While this is an age of appalling wickedness and of alarming peril, it is also an age of reformers in both church and state. Some of them are of national repute, of sterling integrity and are doing a great and far-reaching work. Others are more limited in their sphere of activity, but are courageous and efficient.

We would like to mention the names of three of these "worthies of whom the world is not worthy," yet to whom much is indebted, and with whom one may justly feel honored to rank as a reformer—Wilbur F. Crafts, president of the National Bureau of Reform, at Washington, D. C., a man possessed of great courage, wisdom and sticktoitiveness, and is ably assisted by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

John G. Woolley, chief editor of "*The New Voice*" at Chicago; a leading, if not the leading champion of the cause of prohibition in this generation; noble, forceful, persistent, logical, true, kind-hearted, fearing and loving God.

Wily J. Phillips, editor of "*California Voice*" at Los Angeles, a municipal social-vice disturber and "crib district" destroyer; a man who loves the souls of men; who "swears to his own hurt and changes not;" who can say with Job, "I esteem the words of his mouth more than my necessary food." May these servants of God be preserved to the cause of moral reform many years.

As a conference we would be true to the charge committed to the Free Methodist church in every particular. Instead of compromising the issues espoused by the denomination at the beginning of our history, or in the least toning down to the trend of this increasingly worldly age, let us keep toned up to the moral and religious needs of the times

and the requirements of God. And in our zeal for the highest good of humanity may we keep in mind that the New Testament standard of Christianity makes for the truest and most exalted standard of Christian citizenship.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT											
Los Angeles.....	\$10 00		\$ 74 40		\$ 870 32	\$ 93 60		1	3500	1	\$ 3500
Pasadena.....	5 91		110 78		620 73	80 00	\$ 5 00	1	3500	1	1500
Santa Ana.....			29 80		650 00	83 14	3 00	1	3000	1	3000
Whittier.....	5 00	\$ 3 00	25 07		355 00	63 00		1	3000		
Santa Monica and Sawtelle.....	2 00	1 70	30 00		300 00	42 22	58 90	2	1200		
Artesia.....					88 17	12 20		1	300	1	150
La Habra.....			6 50		30 00	13 42		1	600		
Compton.....					55 52	25 90					
Santa Paula.....			4 88		300 00	18 85					
Monrovia.....					18 90	7 55					
Monte Vista.....			8 80		108 50	20 34			1000		
San Diego.....			18 14		307 31	36 40		1	2500	1	500
							+136 46				
SAN LUIS OBISPO DISTRICT											
Arroyo Grande, Nipoma and Santa Maria.....			10 00		153 00	10 00	30 00				
Paso Robles.....											
ARIZONA DISTRICT											
Phoenix.....	1 50	2 65	24 17		380 00	30 85		1	3300	1	450
Liberty and Gila Bend.....			20 00		374 00	13 90		1	1100	1	200
Prescott.....		2 00	30 07			20 75					
Total.....	\$24 41	\$ 9 35	\$ 392 61		\$4611 45	\$ 572 12	\$ 233 36	12	\$ 23000	7	\$ 9300

*\$61 conference missions; \$40 general missions.

+Paid to E. G. Albright.

Prescott raised for tracts, \$3.00.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

LOS ANGELES, SAN LUIS OBISPO AND ARIZONA DISTRICTS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT																		
M. N. Downing, District Elder																		
Los Angeles.....	David M. Leod.....	100	10	110	6	2	2	17	132	28	\$ 26 47	\$ 12 42	\$ 17 25	\$ 10 35	\$ 6 90	...	\$ 15 00	\$244 32
Pasadena.....	James Seals.....	48	2	50	2	1	1	9	84	17	13 80	8 28	11 50	6 90	4 60	...	10 00	217 66
Santa Ana.....	Elsworth Leonardson.....	61	2	63	1	1	1	10	75	10	19 00	9 00	12 50	7 50	5 00	...	...	125 12
Whittier.....	Ada Pearce.....	34	2	36	1	2	1	8	47	13	8 74	4 14	5 15	3 45	2 80	...	200 00	100 63
Santa Monica and Sawtelle.....	F. A. Ames.....	33	3	36	1	2	1	10	30	10	19 63	1 38	7 00	1 65	2 30	...	27 00	21 30
Artesia.....	Elizabeth Blackmore.....	17	1	18	1	1	1	7	18	3	3 42	1 67	2 25	1 60	90	...	...	7 60
La Brea.....	M. N. Downing.....	9	0	9	1	1	1	1	18	3	3 42	1 67	2 25	1 60	90	...	...	...
Compton.....	Clyde R. Reedy.....	3	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 62	1 62	1 00	60	40	...	...	...
Santa Paula.....	C. L. Hewitt.....	3	4	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 76	36	1 50	30	20	...	...	...
Monrovia.....	J. S. B. Nickel.....	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	2	3 42	1 62	2 25	1 35	90	...	11 50	...
Monte Vista.....	J. T. Wornan.....	8	8	16	1	1	1	5	33	4	7 03	3 42	4 75	2 85	1 90	...	...	10 45
San Diego.....	J. B. Roberts.....	24	2	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	7 03	3 42	4 75	2 85	1 90	...	...	...
SAN LUIS OBISPO DISTRICT																		
W. T. Warren, District Elder																		
Arroyo Grande, Nipoma, Santa Maria, Paso Robles.....	W. T. Warren.....	15	2	17	1	1	1	5	25	2	\$ 4 05	\$ 2 70	...	\$ 2 25	\$ 1 50	...	...	...
ARIZONA DISTRICT																		
D. G. Shepard, District Elder																		
Phoenix.....	S. F. Hellman.....	20	7	27	1	1	1	5	42	11	9 88	4 68	6 50	3 90	2 60	...	10 05	...
Liberty and Gila Bend.....	T. B. Fisher.....	24	1	25	1	2	2	8	60	7	4 94	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 30	...	...	...
Prescott.....	N. C. Nelson.....	6	3	9	1	2	1	5	20	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 00
Total.....		410	84	494	14	14	16	91	596	117	\$ 122 62	\$ 59 59	\$ 76 75	\$ 50 20	\$ 32 43	...	\$ 273 55	\$792 3

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD IN EVERETT,
WASHINGTON, APRIL 20-25, 1904

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

B. F. Smalley,
S. P. Hale,
W. I. Lively,
W. O. Meacham,
A. Beers,
C. S. McKinley,

P. H. Griggs,
A. H. Stilwell,
James Eva,
S. A. Milton,
J. M. Scott,
I. F. Ward,

S. P. Westfield
Wm. Boddy,
G. G. Edwards,
T. H. Marsh,
C. N. Bertels,
J. F. Leise.

C. E. McReynolds,
W. W. Dexter,
C. W. Shay,
A. N. West,
E. L. Smith,

DELEGATES

M. W. Clark,
Mary E. Dutton,
Carrie Reynolds,
Mary A. Hillis,
Julia E. Bates,

D. H. Simons,
Wm. S. Woods,
M. E. La Roche,
Mary Pallow,
Katie Milton.

A. K. Anderson,
Joseph Wintermute,
John Harvey,
Mary E. Funk,

S. E. Grey,
C. L. Foster,
S. L. Woods,
F. B. Denney,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, C. E. McReynolds, B. F. Smalley, D. H. Simons, Wm. S. Woods.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? A. K. Anderson, August Youngren.
4. Who remain on trial? Jules Ryff, M. C. Clarke.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? G. W. Esher, W. W. Loomis.
6. Who are the deacons? Geo. G. Edwards, S. P. Hale, W. I. Lively, (H. H. Pease), C. B. Carlton.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None. (Local elders, S. L. Helm, R. M. Reid, John Spencer, C. A. McCoy).
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Wallace Meacham, S. A. Milton.
10. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. M. Scott, G. W. Wheelon.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. F. Leise, I. F. Ward, from Columbia River conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? C. N. Bertels.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view of transfer to another conference? P. H. Griggs.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was separately examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The matter was left to a committee.

APPOINTMENTS

PUGET SOUND DISTRICT—T. H. MARSH, District Elder.

Seattle (First church).....	O. S. McKinley
Seattle (Second church).....	A. Beers
Seattle (Third church).....	C. E. McReynolds
Ballard.....	W. I. Lively
Edmonds.....	R. M. Reid
Everett and Mukilteo.....	James Eva
Snohomish.....	S. L. Helm
Arlington.....	George W. Esher
Mount Vernon and Bethel.....	S. P. Westfield
The Olympic Marsh.....	C. W. Shay
Bellingham and Sumas.....	S. W. Welty
Blaine and Good Hope.....	J. F. Leise
Pleasant Valley.....	William Boddy
Hillman City and Foster.....	E. L. Smith
Mission.....	To be supplied
Clover Valley and Westminister, B. C.....	John Spencer, supply
A. H. Stilwell, I. F. Ward, evangelists; M. C. Clarke, missionary to India; Jules Ryff, missionary to Africa; August Youngren, missionary to Japan; W. W. Loomis, teacher in Seattle Seminary; J. M. Scott, G. W. Wheelon, superannuated.	

TACOMA DISTRICT—B. F. SMALLEY, District Elder.

Tacoma and Parkland.....	A. N. West
Bay Center.....	To be supplied
Centralia.....	S. P. Hale
Buckley, Lake Tapps and Puyallup.....	G. G. Edwards and A. K. Anderson
Mary A. Hillis, conference evangelist.	

ELLENSBURG DISTRICT—B. F. SMALLEY, District Elder.

Roslyn.....	Martha B. Chancellor, supply
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Cle Elum and Teanaway.....W. W. Dexter, Edith Dexter, supply
 Ellensburg and Yakima.....Mary A. Hillis, supply
 Sunnyside, Outlook and Bethany and Schoolhouse.....To be supplied
 Goldendale.....To be supplied
 Wallace Meacham, S. A. Milton, left without appointment; B. F. Smalley, member of
 Tacoma district quarterly conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations were approved by the conference:

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND CLAIMANTS.

RECOMMENDATIONS

J. M. Scott, appropriation of \$150.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOME MISSIONS

1. That thirty-five cents per member to be raised the first quarter. The first one hundred dollars to be paid to B. F. Smalley, and the district elders to be treasurers for the amounts raised in their respective districts.

2. That \$25 be appropriated to Bellingham and Sumas, and \$25 to Pleasant Valley circuits.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL MISSION FUND

To Rev. B. F. Smalley, \$100; to Snohomish, \$35; to Arlington, \$35; to Ellensburg and Yakima, \$50; to Hillman City and Foster, \$35.

MISCELLANEOUS

The ninth annual session of the Washington conference was regarded by all to be one of the best and most successful in its history. The Free Methodist society and the community at large furnished royal entertainment for all who came.

The meetings were large and full of interest from the beginning. The general superintendent, W. T. Hogue, presided with his usual ability. His sermons were strong and spiritual, ringing down the lines of our issues and doctrines with no uncertain sound. The reports of the preachers were excellent, showing the most encouraging gain throughout the entire conference. The receipts of the W. F. M. S. showed most encouraging gains over last year. A little over \$25,000 was subscribed for the erection of the new administration building for Seattle Seminary.

A collection of (35c) thirty-five cents was ordered taken the first quarter for home missions. The conference collections were ordered taken in the following order: First quarter, home and general missions; second quarter, general superintendent's claim; third quarter, conference claimants'; fourth quarter, church extension. B. F. Smalley, D. H. Simons and C. W. Tenney were elected trustees for Seattle Seminary.

The conference joined in singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," and all went to their work with courage and faith for the coming year.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

PUGET SOUND, TACOMA AND ELLESBURG DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER																														
	Members		Probationers		Total		Local Preachers		Evangelists		Sunday Schools		Officers & Teachers		Scholars		Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken		Conference Claims		General Superintendents' Claims		Conference Missions		Church Extension and Aid Society		Delegates to General Conference		Foreign Missionary Society		Woman's Foreign Missions Society
Seattle (First Church).....	58	4	62	1	1	1	1	1	12	56	18	\$ 14 44	\$ 6 85	\$ 13 30	\$ 5 70	\$ 3 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seattle (Second Church).....	114	38	152	2	1	1	1	1	21	110	27	38 76	18 36	35 70	15 30	10 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seattle (Third Church).....	52	6	58	3	2	1	1	2	12	100	16	17 08	9 36	18 20	7 80	5 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tacoma and Packland.....	46	12	58	1	1	6	35	3	13	68	17	18 08	12 60	5 40	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centralia.....	35	19	54	1	1	3	22	120	9	11	22	6 12	11 90	5 10	3 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
James Eva.....	56	13	69	1	1	13	60	12	16	50	9	17 50	7 50	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
T. H. Marsh.....	28	4	32	2	1	1	5	30	7	10	40	4 65	9 10	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blaine and Goodhope.....	14	3	17	1	1	5	50	4	2 88	6 08	2 88	5 60	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cle Elum and Teanaway.....	11	4	15	2	7	60	6	4	20	2 16	4 20	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Snokomish.....	11	4	15	2	7	60	6	4	20	2 16	4 20	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bay Center and South Bend.....	9	1	10	1	4	12	3	3 65	1 95	3 65	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roslyn.....	14	4	18	1	1	5	40	2	4 94	2 34	4 55	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ballard.....	17	1	18	1	1	9	50	2	3 80	1 80	3 50	1 60	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon.....	44	12	56	1	1	3	7	70	9	15	50	7 38	14 35	16 15	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buckley and Lake Tapps.....	19	3	22	2	2	13	65	12	5 60	3 06	6 30	2 55	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellensburg.....	4	4	8	1	5	26	3	1 32	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Puyallup.....	16	2	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ballingham.....	11	1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sunnyside and Outlook.....	54	11	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley.....	2	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goldendale.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edmonds and Cedar Valley.....	16	6	22	1	2	9	60	3	5 95	3 24	6 30	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arlington.....	20	2	22	2	1	8	33	4	7 60	3 60	7 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	614	145	759	14	7	27	174	1054	160	\$ 132 85	\$ 96 25	\$ 81 15	\$ 90 25	\$ 147 75	\$361 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Seattle (First Church).....	\$13 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 78 00	.....	\$ 950 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 100 00	1	5000	1	\$ 5000
Seattle (Second Church).....	.....	.....	120 94	.....	560 55	100 00	48 85	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seattle (Third Church).....	.....	.....	103 78	.....	643 80	95 69	25 00	1	1500	1	1000
Tacoma and Parkland.....	10 00	4 00	40 00	.....	564 00	67 00	175 00	1	500	.....	.....
Centralia.....	.....	2 50	56 00	.....	475 00	58 00	5 00	1	1000	1	500
Everett.....	2 00	3 00	50 00	.....	770 00	81 00	76 00	1	1750	1	1200
Blaine and Goodhope.....	.....	.....	21 00	.....	354 00	42 00	9 00	1	7500	1	500
Cle Elum and Teanaway.....	.....	.....	33 24	.....	422 00	52 00	12 50	1	1200	1	300
Snohomish.....	.....	.....	26 00	.....	263 00	24 00	16 30	1	800	1	400
Bay Center and South Bend.....	4 00	65	13 12	.....	230 00	51 00	.....	1	800	1	300
Roslyn.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	195 00	44 00	11 00	1	1000	1	500
Ballard.....	.....	.....	40 00	.....	146 00	28 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon.....	.....	.....	31 00	.....	585 00	64 00	127 00	2	1200	1	400
Buckley and Lake Tapps.....	.....	1 00	31 00	.....	291 00	45 00	.....	1	800	1	600
Ellensburg.....	.....	.....	16 30	.....	312 00	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Puyallup.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 00	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bellingham.....	1 40	.....	13 58	.....	300 00	16 00	3 50	1	800	1	600
Sunnyside and Outlook.....	.....	3 32	50 50	.....	307 77	76 00	104 25	1	2350	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	500	1	300
Goldendale.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edmonds and Cedar Valley.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	200 00	32 00	25 00	1	500	1	600
Arlington.....	.....	.....	39 85	.....	335 00	40 00	.....	1	1000	1	500
Total.....	\$30 40	\$20 47	\$ 829 31	.....	\$7973 12	\$1084 69	\$ 738 40	18	\$ 28000	15	\$12600

Raised for tracts: Seattle (First Church), \$2; Tacoma and Parkland, \$4.00.

COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD IN SPOKANE, WASH-
INGTON, APRIL 6-9, 1904

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

B. H. ALBERTS, *Secretary*

JOHN E. BRADLEY, *Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, E. W. Achilles, L. W. Steele.

On Publications—C. F. Denney, J. D. Cook, S. S. Parris.

On Education—J. E. Bradley, S. H. Yockey, F. W. Dickey.

On Sunday-schools—B. H. Alberts, H. Luella Betts, D. C. Jones.

On Reforms—F. H. Church, B. H. Alberts, H. S. Smith.

On Publishing the Minutes—B. H. Alberts, J. E. Bradley.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. N. Wood.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—S. H. Yockey, H. L. Betts.

On State of the Work—E. W. Achilles, Guy Denney, F. W. Dickey.

On Home Missions—The Stationing Committee.

On Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, E. W. Achilles, B. H. Alberts, F. W. Dickey, S. S. Parris.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. W. Achilles, president; B. H. Alberts, secretary; Guy Denney, P. H. Griggs, S. S. Parris.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. W. Achilles, president, for two years; C. F. Denney, for one year; L. W. Steele, for five years; B. H. Alberts, for four years; J. N. Wood, for three years.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—S. H. Yockey.

On Reforms—B. H. Alberts.

On Sunday-schools—J. E. Bradley.

On Publications—L. W. Steele.

On State of the Work—The District Elders.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Eva E. Alberts, president, Tekoa, Washington; vice president, Mrs. Mary U. Achilles, Sherar Bridge, Oregon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. D. Wheeler, Womac, Oregon; recording secretary and treasurer, Miss H. Luella Betts, 1819 E. Broadway, Spokane, Washington.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Superintendents', General Missions, 15 cents; Second quarter, Conference Claimants', — cents, and Claimants Fund, 5 cents; Third quarter, Church Extension, 10 cents, and Foreign Missions; Fourth quarter, Home Missions, 25 cents.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. W. Achilles,
J. D. Cook,
B. H. Alberts,
S. R. Sayre,

J. N. Wood,
Guy Denney,
C. F. Denney,
E. M. Norris.

S. H. Yockey,
J. S. Bradley,
F. H. Church,

E. A. Sayre,
J. E. Bradley,
L. W. Steele.

DELEGATES

H. Luella Betts,	H. S. Smith,	F. W. Dickey,	D. O. Jones,
Della Dechenne,	D. F. Vaughan,	J. W. Maxwell,	Mary Achilles,
R. E. Greer,	Hughes East,	S. S. Parris,	Alphretta Vanderhurst,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, E. W. Achilles, H. S. Smith.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. A. Cummings.

4, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15. None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. M. Norris.

6. Who are the deacons? J. E. Bradley, E. M. Norris.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. R. Sayre.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. S. Bradley, J. D. Cook.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? L. W. Steele, an elder from the Arkansas and Southern Missouri conference. S. R. Sayre, an elder from the Kansas conference.

14. Are all the people blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24. See statistics and appointments.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. S. Bradley, \$150; J. D. Cook, \$100; Mrs. Nora Edwards, \$75.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Athena, Oregon, as near the first Wednesday in April as will be consistent with the plans of the Superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS

SPOKANE DISTRICT—P. H. GRIGGS, District Elder, 808 Madelia St., Spokane, Washington.

Spokane, Clarkfork	{	L. W. Steele
and Trout Creek		H. Luella Betts, supply, 808 Madelia St., Spokane
Tyler, Sprague and Harrington		J. N. Wood, Tyler, Washington
Tekoa and Summervale		B. H. Alberts, Tekoa, "
Penawawa and Willow Creek		E. M. Norris, Penawawa, "
Pomeroy		S. Bartlow, supply, Pomeroy, "
Sanders and Emida		To be supplied
St. John Circuit		To be supplied

J. D. Cook, superannuated, Arlington, Washington; S. R. Sayre, supernumerary; Mrs. Eva E. Alberts, Tekoa, Washington, Mrs. Martha D. Wheeler, Womac, Oregon, conference evangelists.

COLVILLE DISTRICT—P. H. GRIGGS, District Elder

Colville	J. E. Bradley, Colville, Washington
Chewelah	S. H. Yockey, Chewelah, "
Daisy and Waterloo	To be supplied

J. S. Bradley, superannuated, Daisy, Washington; P. H. Griggs member Spokane district quarterly conference.

PENDLETON DISTRICT—E. W. ACHILLES, District Elder, Sherar Bridge, Oregon.

Athena and Waterman	Guy Denney, Athena, Oregon
The Dalles and White River	F. H. Church, The Dalles, "
Bake Oven circuit	C. F. Denney, Sherar Bridge, "
Hood River	W. A. Cummings, Hood River, "
Grass Valley	E. A. Sayre, Sherar Bridge, "
Madras and Haystack	E. M. Mortimore, supply
Palmer and Boise, Idaho	To be supplied

MISCELLANEOUS

The ninth session of the Columbia River annual conference was held in the city of Spokane, Washington, April 6-9, 1904. General Superintendent W. T. Hogue came ten days before the conference commenced, and preached each evening except Sunday, which was spent at Tekoa. His preaching previous to and during the conference was a blessing and inspiration to all present. The last twenty minutes of each sitting were given to the superintendent to address the conference and answer questions from the question box. The addresses given and questions answered were very helpful to all.

Rev. A. Beers and wife of Seattle Seminary were present and Brother Beers was given Thursday evening to preach on Christian education and represent the needs of the school. He knows how to do this and as a result \$1865 was given in pledges for a new building. This, we think, was remarkable, considering the size of our conference, and it shows that we appreciate a good school.

Rev. Peter H. Griggs was received by vote from the Washington conference as soon as he shall receive his certificate of standing and shall have been transferred by the superintendent, and was elected district elder.

The following persons were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: Rev. and Mrs. A. Beers, Mrs. W. T. Hogue and her mother, Mrs. Jones, Rev. L. W. Steele, Mrs. M. D. Wheeler and Mrs. Eva E. Alberts.

One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five dollars was subscribed for Seattle Seminary, \$239.93 was raised during the year by the W. F. M. S. About \$80 was raised for conference expenses and miscellaneous items.

The conference by vote ordered all conference claims sent to J. E. Bradley, conference treasurer, Colville, Washington.

Seventy-five dollars was received by E. W. Achilles from the general missionary board to be used at his discretion, and was appropriated as follows: Pendleton district tabernacle, \$30; Spokane, \$30; Bake Oven circuit, \$14.75; Exchange, 25 cents. The conference asked the general missionary board for the following appropriations: To E. W. Achilles, \$150; to P. H. Griggs, \$50.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$9.55.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.—Assessed and paid, \$63.03.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS'.—Assessed and paid, \$34.38.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$28.65.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed and paid, \$19.10.

HOME MISSIONS.—Paid, \$36.25.

Disbursements: Deficiencies on conference claims, \$7.09; to C. F. Denney, \$13.16; to W. A. Cummings, \$8; to E. W. Achilles, \$8. Total, \$36.25.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—\$20.95.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES.—\$18.90.

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee on state of the work beg leave to submit the following:

The work, as a whole, in this conference is in better condition than ever before.

A spirit of harmony prevails, and God, nearly everywhere, has been working with us and souls have been saved and added to the church on nearly every circuit in the conference. God has been pleased to meet with us in our quarterly meetings and camp meetings.

We are sorry to note there are some who do not interest themselves in the general gatherings, such as the district meetings and the camp-meetings. We hope to improve in regard to this matter. We expect our ministers not to hinder but to rally the official members, especially, to attend the general gatherings and make them seasons of power.

There has been quite a spirit of building in the conference. There has been a church built at Tekoa and the building of two more is under contemplation, one at Daisy, and the other at Willow Creek, on the Penawawa circuit. There have been five parsonages built, two of which are finished and are real comfortable houses, one at Spokane and one at

The work is increasing faster than the workers. We need a number more ministers who are consecrated to God's work. The harvest is white and the laborers are few. Our work is opening up and calls are coming from many places and we are encouraged to go forward in the name of the Lord of hosts. Amen.

II.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is an appalling fact, demonstrated at our last general conference, that 81 per cent of the children of Free Methodist parents are unsaved, and only about 25 per cent of the other 19 per cent are members of the Free Methodist church. This is too bad and ought not so to be. But how shall we remedy these things? First. Let parents give more earnest heed to family government and teaching the children to love and study the Bible. Second. By making our Sunday-schools interesting, by having deeply spiritual superintendents, teachers and officers, who love their work and who win the confidence of their pupils. This may be done by talking with and praying for each one personally. Third. By commencing the Sabbath-school on time, by all teachers and officers being in their place five or ten minutes before time to commence and by not letting it drag.

We think we have the best lesson helps printed, also the best papers and recommend their use. We would also recommend the Home Department work, especially in cities and towns. The cradle roll could be made a great blessing to schools where properly conducted. Children's day should always be observed in harmony with the discipline and lasting results may be realized. Last, but not least, we would recommend wherever practicable one service of the district meetings be devoted to the study of the best methods of promoting the Sunday-school work.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SPOKANE DISTRICT											
Spokane.....	\$ 1 43		\$ 45 10	\$ 40	\$ 200 00	34 80	\$ 59 60	1	\$ 900	1	\$ 500
Tekoa and Summervale.....			20 00	95	234 81	32 40	10 75	1	1200	1	250
Penawawa.....			13 54	95	440 15	44 26		1	600	1	600
Sanders and Emida.....			25 00	63	153 85	38 45	7 70			1	250
St. John Circuit.....				75		14 75				1	600
Tyler, Sprague, and Greer.....	\$ 2 32		15 43	1 15	407 47	34 25	29 54	2	1100	1	300
Clarkfork.....			32 91	65	251 60	32 00		1	600		
COLVILLE DISTRICT											
Colville.....			35 83	80	268 50	51 80		1	1650	1	500
Chevelah.....			26 15	75	365 00	35 45		1	1200	1	700
Daisy and Waterloo.....	50	35	11 39	45	60 22	28 75				1	
PENDLETON DISTRICT											
The Dalles and White River.....	3 15		20 00	55	200 00	26 00	3 00			1	1 10
Bake Oven.....			8 07	45	213 35	20 00					
Hood River.....						23 75					
Athena, Vansycle and Waterman.....			16 50	45	481 40	50 00	23 40			1	300
Paid from home mission money for deficiencies.....				70							
Total.....	\$ 5 08	\$ 2 67	\$ 269 97	\$ 9 55	\$ 3276 35	\$ 458 86	\$ 133 99	8	\$ 7250	9	\$ 3860
Raised for tracts: Clarkfork, 60 cents.											

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

SPOKANE, COLVILLE AND PENDLETON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SPOKANE DISTRICT	E. W. Achilles, District Elder																	
	L. W. Steele	17	5	22	1	1	1	10	95	6	3 04	1 44	2 00	1 20	80		48 78	
	E. H. Alberts	22	2	24	1	2	2	12	40	6	12 16	5 76	8 00	4 80	3 20		3 60	7 00
	Penawawa	20	4	24	1	2	5	30	6	7 22	7 22	3 42	4 75	2 85	1 90		3 10	5 43
	Sanders and Emida	19	7	26	1	1	7	30	5									
	J. E. Bradley	15	15	30	1	1	1	6	40	4	4 55	2 70	3 76	2 25	1 50			
	To be supplied	24	4	28	1	1	1	6	40	9	7 53	4 14	5 76	3 45	2 30		13 56	9 90
	Tyler, Sprague and Greer	10		10				1	6	57	3 63	1 98	2 75	1 65	1 10		8 40	38 21
	E. A. Sayre																	
	Clark's Fork																	
COLVILLE DISTRICT	E. W. Achilles, District Elder																	
PENDLETON DISTRICT	E. W. Achilles, District Elder																	
Total		213	47	260	9	4	16	87	426	80	63 03	34 38	40 00	28 65	19 10		\$ 112 84	\$ 86 15

OREGON CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT PORTLAND, OREGON,
MAY 11-15, 1904

OFFICERS

W. T. HOGUE, *President*.

H. V. HASLAM, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

MRS. A. K. PEARCE, *Assistant Secretary*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, W. Pearce, R. H. Dollarhide, H. V. Haslam.

On Education—J. Glen, T. H. Symms, James Goode.

On Publications—W. Pearce, D. J. Goode, W. E. Goode.

On Reforms—H. V. Haslam, Ely Rowley, W. Barrett.

On Sunday Schools—W. E. Goode, G. W. Bondurant, Emma Daniels.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—W. J. Bowerman, J. H. Brown, John Glen.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. G. Briscoe.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On State of the Work—W. Pearce, R. H. Dollarhide, C. G. Briscoe, C. G. Rambo.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. Glen, president; H. V. Haslam, secretary; C. G. Briscoe, treasurer; R. H. Dollarhide, C. G. Rambo.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. Pearce, two years; W. E. Goode, one year; H. V. Haslam, J. Glen, three years.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants; third quarter, General Superintendents' and Conference Missions; fourth quarter, Foreign Missions.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—H. V. Haslam.

On Reforms—T. H. Symms.

On Publications—J. Glen.

On Sunday-schools—W. E. Goode.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. Glen,
T. H. Symms,
J. H. Brown,
D. C. Newell,

W. E. Goode,
W. Barrett,
H. J. Blair,
H. M. Bowman,

R. H. Dollarhide,
H. V. Haslam,
E. I. Harrington,
W. J. Johnston,

D. J. Goode,
W. Pearce,
G. W. Bondurant,
W. J. Bowerman.

DELEGATES

C. G. Briscoe,
J. M. Reese,
C. G. Rambo,
Harry Kreider,

Sidney Scott,
W. J. Bowerman,
Mrs. E. S. Matteson,
Mrs. M. N. Doran,

E. Rowley,
Hoy Pauley,
W. I. McNutt,
S. P. Crawford,

J. L. Guttry,
R. A. Trullinger,
James Goode,
Emma Daniels.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, W. Pearce, R. H. Dollarhide, C. G. Briscoe, C. G. Rambo.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? F. D. Helm, W. W. Gatts.

4. Who remain on trial? O. N. Blair, M. D. Wilson.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? D. C. Newell, H. M. Bowman, W. Johnston, W. J. Bowerman (an elder, on certificate of location.)
6. Who are the deacons? G. W. Bondurant, E. I. Harrington, D. C. Newell, H. M. Bowman, W. J. Johnston.
- 7, 8, 9. None.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? D. J. Goode, W. Barrett.
- 11, 12. None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. G. Tunison, to the Columbia River conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. None.
16. What is the number of church members? See statistics.
- 17-20. See statistics.
21. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Springfield, Oregon, at such time in May, 1905, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS

PORTLAND DISTRICT—*W. PEARCE, District Elder, Clackamas, Oregon.

Portland, West Portland, Zion Town and Beaverton..... John Glen, F. D. Helm, 333 E. 9th St., Portland, Oregon
 Central..... D. C. Newell, Central,
 Gresham and Pleasant Valley..... Josiah Pitts, supply, Gresham, "
 Sunnyside and Damascus..... Harry Kreider, supply, Sunnyside, "
 Forest Grove and Dairy Creek..... T. H. Symms, Forest Grove, "
 Bethany, Brooks schoolhouse and Munson schoolhouse..... John C. Allen, supply
 W. Barrett, superannuated, Orleta, Oregon; W. J. Bowerman, evangelist, Gresham, Oregon.

*Member Portland district quarterly conference.

SALEM DISTRICT—W. PEARCE, District Elder.

Salem and Aumsville..... H. V. Haslam, Salem, Oregon
 Dayton and Newburg..... H. M. Bowman, Newburg, "
 Woodburn, Scotts Mills and Mulino..... O. N. Blair, Woodburn, "
 Falls City and Mill Creek..... G. W. Bondurant, Falls City, "
 Lacombe, Aberdeen, Albany and Sodaville..... W. J. Johnston, Lacombe, "
 Beaver and Blaine..... To be supplied
 D. J. Goode, superannuated, Salem, Oregon.

EUGENE DISTRICT—*R. H. DOLLARHIDE, District Elder, Roseburg, Oregon.

Eugene, Springfield, Thurston and Oak Hill..... H. J. Blair, Malinda J. Blair, supply, Springfield, Oregon
 Parson Creek, Wendling and Trent Mills..... W. W. Gatts
 Myrtle Creek, Canyonville and Riddles..... F. B. Creecy, supply, Myrtle Creek, Oregon
 Roseburg and Deer Creek..... J. H. Brown, Martha N. Brown, supply, Roseburg, Oregon
 Cottage Grove and Comstock..... Francis Smith, supply, Medford, Oregon

*Member Eugene district quarterly conference.

GRANTS PASS DISTRICT—R. H. DOLLARHIDE, District Elder.

Grants Pass and Centennial schoolhouse..... E. I. Harrington
 Murphy and Missouri Flats..... W. O. Ketcham, supply

Golden, Glendale and Wolf Creek.....M. C. Davis, supply, Golden, Oregon
 Ashland, Talent and Phoenix.....M. D. Wilson, Talent, "
 Medford, Eagle Point, Central Point and Jacksonville....."
W. E. Goode, Medford, Oregon; Mary H. Hickman, supply, Murphy, Oregon

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

R. Pettyjohn.....Newburg, Oregon	J. W. Eldredge.....Sherwood, Oregon
B. L. Knoll.....Clackamas, "	T. O. Allison.....Dayton, "
A. Lingren.....Central, "	Uvilla C. Reese.....Roseburg, "
D. M. Cathey.....Riddles, "	C. G. Rambo.....Springfield, "
J. M. Reese.....Roseburg, "	A. Notestine.....Roseburg, "
Wm. Platt.....Thurston, "	G. W. Billmire.....Eugene, "
M. V. Creecy.....Halsey, "	M. C. Davis.....Golden, "
S. P. Crawford.....Grants Pass, "	S. S. Enny.....Medford, "
A. W. Countryman.....Eagle Point, "	W. L. Bartholemew.....Ashland, "
F. Albright.....Ashland, "	M. E. Crawford.....Springfield, "
Cora McGhee.....Comstock, "	Alma K. Pearce.....Clackamas, "
O. A. Willey.....Oregon City, "	Sidney Scott.....Central, "
Frank Sigsbee.....Central, "	Herman Schulze.....Phillips, "
F. M. Sumner.....Sunnyside, "	R. H. Knowles, 229½ First street, Portland, "
Alice M. Knowles, 229½ First street, Portland, "	L. E. Elliott.....Oregon City, "

MISCELLANEOUS

Five sittings of the conference were held and a spirit of perfect harmony pervaded the entire session.

The presence and ministrations of our new general superintendent, W. T. Hogue, were much appreciated and greatly enjoyed, and his sermons on Sunday morning and evening will not soon be forgotten.

The presence of Mrs. E. L. Hogue and her mother, Mrs. M. A. Jones, added much to the enjoyableness of the occasion.

Our esteemed general conference evangelist, W. G. Hanmer, was present and addressed the conference; also Alexander Beers of the Washington conference.

On Friday evening W. T. Hogue delivered an able address on education, and at its close over \$1200 was subscribed toward the proposed administration building in connection with Seattle Seminary.

The W. F. M. S. held their annual business meeting and elected the following officers: Alma K. Pearce, president; Hattie Wrage, secretary; Mrs. H. V. Haslam, treasurer; Winnie C. Bowman, corresponding secretary. The society reported having raised \$390.30 in cash and a box for the missionaries valued at \$180 wholesale.

A public meeting under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. was held on Sunday afternoon with a sermon by W. G. Hanmer, and a collection amounting to \$110.49 in cash and subscriptions was taken, in addition to that reported above.

Improvements on the Portland church and parsonage property to the amount of \$1200 had been recently made, and on Sunday morning \$250 was called for to make up the amount remaining unprovided for, and \$310 in cash and subscriptions was raised.

A net gain of sixty-five or about 13 per cent of the total membership was revealed by the circuit reports.

The conference ordered that an amount equal to twenty cents per member be raised for conference missions the coming year.

A pleasing incident of the conference occurred when Rev. A. Beers of the Washington conference, by request, and in behalf of the Portland and Salem districts, called W. Pearce and wife to the platform and with a few becoming remarks presented them with forty dollars in gold as a mark of appreciation of their devoted and self-sacrificing labors among us, and as a token of the high esteem in which they are held, mentioning especially the valuable services rendered by Sister Pearce in assisting in the work of building and re-

pairing churches and parsonages; and expressly stipulating that they use the money in taking a season of much needed recreation.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the president, the secretaries, the pastor and his wife and people who have entertained the conference, and the daily papers.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND—Apportionment, \$74.88.

By cash and receipts, \$70.40. Deficiency (raised at conference), \$4.48. Total, \$74.88.

GENERAL MISSIONS FUND—Apportionment, \$62.40.

By cash and receipts, \$59.65. Deficiency (raised at conference), \$2.75. Total, \$62.40.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportionment, \$137.28.

By cash and receipts, \$126.80. Deficiency (raised at conference), \$10.48. Total, \$137.28.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportionment, \$41.60.

By cash and receipts, \$39.08. Deficiency (raised at conference), \$2.52. Total, \$41.60.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—By cash, 13.24.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—By cash, \$30.90.

PERMANENT CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportionment, 20.80.

By cash and receipt, \$16.02. Deficiency (raised at conference), \$4.78. Total, \$20.80.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—By cash and receipt, \$4.00.

CHILDREN'S FUND—By cash and receipt, \$1.89.

RAISED TO PUBLISH MINUTES—\$19.60.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

One leading supply of mental and moral food comes from the printing press. It is a means of preventing a dwarfish stature and weight of the inner man. But we must distinguish between the books that make and the books that mar, the papers that strengthen and the papers that destroy.

Solomon said, "of making books there is no end" yet, with many, of their use there is no beginning; with others, the showing is a comment on the maxim, "a little learning is a dangerous thing;" and still others are like feeding on ashes, they are so vile and trifling.

As in other departments, relations establish duties, and our reading should conduce to a righteous home life, a clear sighted moral citizenship and an intelligent church membership. For self-preservation and spiritual strategy we must be informed concerning the spirit of the age without being conformed to that spirit. Nor can we overestimate the good of studying the laws of language, the lives of good men and women, the rise, decline and fall of nations, the earth in its past, present and future; man in his complex being, the history of the church with its trials and triumphs, and God, the infinite first cause and supreme end of our life.

As Free Methodists also we have peculiar obligations. In some homes certain so-called unsectarian papers are taken to the unplacing, or displacing of our own church papers. If this is right on a small scale, it is also right on a large scale; but the end would be the destruction of one of the main expressions of our church life. The promoters of those papers ignore us, only as they can feed upon us, and raise the unsectarian war-cry with a force derived very largely from undenominational patronage. Preferential support of our church literature is a sign of church loyalty.

In every age the Bible outranks by infinities all other books, and calls for a reading and study commensurate with its exalted character. An account is given in the Acts of the Apostles of certain Ephesians who brought their books together and burned them before all men, so in our day there is a good deal of fuel for flames scattered here and there among God's elect.

SAMPLES.

"Bible Readings" from Mrs. White on the snuffing out of the damned,

To snatch them from just punishment from sin;

And, after God's great calendar has registered their crimes,

The end as soon as endless fires begin.

Soul sleep; Mole sleep; Sabbath and Jewish law;

Bondage of Mount and Hagar, Ishmael and carnal works:

Look out for the tempter in the "wilderness of sin"!

For that is where the cunning serpent lurks.

Christian Science pamphlets on the folly of the man,

Dull enough to have a mortal mind;

So that Satan, sin and sickness, are to him three real things,

Tho' he'd very gladly leave them all behind.

Atheist; Pantheist; and no way to write it down.

Till the "mortal mind" backslides into its nook,

And assumes that he is personal a moment at a time,
Contrary to the "Health and Science" book.

There are booklets by Come-outers, who assume to be the church

Through which alone salvation's bliss is found;

Babylon and her babies all are to be left in the lurch

When Gabriel's trumpet o'er land and sea shall sound.

Spoiled child: Anarchist; Come-outers and all

Raving out their wrath at just restraints;

Strange they entertain the notion that the God of Heaven's first law

Ever estimated them as Bible saints!

There's the precious "Book of Mormon," addition to God's word;

Added plagues its true believers lastly find;

And the imitation elders, as by twos they sneak around,

Scatter tracts of filth to bestialize the mind.

Old lights; "New lights;" never a light at all;

"Millennial Dawn" advancing up the slope;

Then a day of great rejoicing for the men of Plutarch's shades.

Whose pain was soothed by Paine's "eternal hope."

There are yellow-covered novels and the deeds of Jesse James,

To provide sensation for our children's hearts;

Then there's "Comfort" for the ladies, for they also have their claims,

And Augusta, Maine, will send it to these parts.

Trashy, flashy, full of night shade all;

Chicago's and Toronto's scourge will eat up the poison dread;

We've Luther's word upon it, and it surely stands for much,

Cremated publications can't be read.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PORTLAND DISTRICT											
Portland, West Portland, etc.....	\$ 2 00		\$ 46 47	\$ 2 40	\$ 560 00	\$ 108 00		1	2500	1	\$ 1500
Central.....	1 00	50	40 87		222 25	83 40	\$ 45 35	1	800	1	1200
Gresham, Pleasant Valley, etc.....			14 60	2 05	250 00	89 98	144 00	2	1700	1	650
Forest Grove, etc.....			11 92		222 50	42 75		1	1000		
Bethany.....			30 65	70	130 00	30 50	2 30	1	500		
SALEM DISTRICT											
Salem and Aumsville.....	50	50	56 00	1 35	86 90	34 05	30 00	1	700		
Dayton and Newburg.....	50	50	20 00	1 65	110 07	45 00		2	1400		
Woodburn, Scotts Mills, etc.....				1 00	167 03	37 55	53 00				
Falls City and Harmony.....			10 00	1 05	372 44	35 36		1	500	1	600
Lombard and Albany.....			12 00	2 09	225 00	33 40	25 00	1	600	1	400
Sodaville.....				25				1	400		
Beaver and Blaine.....				65		17 32		1	400		
EUGENE DISTRICT											
Eugene, Springfield, etc.....		39	12 00	1 85	224 00	64 15		1	400	1	200
Parson Creek, Wendling, etc.....			5 49	43	131 46	21 30					
Myrtle Creek, Canyonville, etc.....					58 36	7 60					
Roseburg.....			8 38		182 43	20 32		1	700		
Cottage Grove, Comstock, etc.....						3 48					
GRANTS PASS DISTRICT											
Grants Pass, etc.....				35	94 76	38 71		1	300		
Applegate, Williams Creek, etc.....				20	118 32	14 40					
Golden, Glendale and Placer.....						1 00					
Ashland and Medford.....					74 25	52 67	5 00		167		
Eagle Point.....						1 90					
Cash raised at conference.....				4 78							
Total.....	\$ 4 00	\$ 1 89	\$ 268 38	\$ 20 80	\$ 3529 77	\$ 782 81	\$ 304 65	16	\$ 12067	6	\$ 4550

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE

PORTLAND, SALEM, EUGENE AND GRANTS PASS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PORTLAND DISTRICT																	
W. Pearce, District Elder																	
Portland, West Portland, etc.	H. V. Haslam	70	16	86	2	5	2	13	80	10	\$ 15.84	\$ 8.64	\$ 4.80	\$ 7.20	\$ 4.80		\$ 98.22
Central	D. C. Newell	34	18	52	42	3	1	7	60	6	10.23	5.98	3.10	4.65	.....	.....	77.47
Gresham, Pleasant Valley, etc.	H. M. Bowman	43	13	56	4	1	6	40	11	13.63	7.88	4.10	6.15	4.10	.....	.....	19.69
Forest Grove, etc.	T. H. Symms	23	2	25	1	1	5	20	8	6.27	3.42	1.99	2.85	1.54	.....	\$ 3.00	32.33
Bethany	W. J. Johnston	16	4	20	1	2	12	45	4	4.29	2.34	1.30	1.95	1.30	.....	.....	11.57
W. Pearce, District Elder																	41.66
SALEM DISTRICT																	
W. Pearce, District Elder																	
Salem and Annsville	Supplied	30	2	32	1	1	6	45	6	8.71	4.86	1.00	4.05	2.70	.....	1.00	2.25
Wayton and Newberg	J. Blair	33	2	35	1	2	10	35	7	16.60	3.74	1.00	3.58	3.30	.....	1.43	33.97
W. S. Mays, etc.	O. N. Blair	26	8	34	1	1	5	25	9	6.93	3.79	2.10	3.15	2.10	.....	.....	27.66
Falls City and Harmony	G. W. Burdant	27	3	30	1	1	5	15	8	11.24	6.58	3.10	5.65	4.10	.....	.....	24.00
Lacomb and Albany	E. I. Harrington	27	3	30	1	1	5	15	2	1.00	6.60	3.10	5.65	3.35	.....	.....	3.00
Sodaville	Supplied	3	3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4.24	2.34	.....	1.95	1.30	.....	.....	.....
Beaver and Blaine	Supplied	13	13	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
EUGENE DISTRICT																	
R. H. Dollarhide, Dist. Elder																	20.69
Eugene, Springfield, etc.	H. J. Blair, Malinda Blair, sup.	30	6	36	3	2	1	7	40	6	12.21	6.68	3.70	5.55	3.70	63	.....
Parson Creek, Wendling, etc.	W. W. Gatts, supply	10	1	11	1	1	6	11	2	2.31	1.26	70	1.05	70	.....	2.30	.....
Myrtle Creek, Canyonville, etc.	F. B. Creevy, supply	5	5	10	2	1	1	2	2	3.60	1.62	80	2.50	80	.....	4.50	.....
Roseburg	J. H. and M. N. Brown, supply	12	11	23	2	2	6	15	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cottage Grove, Constock, etc.	J. M. Reese, supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GRANTS PASS DISTRICT																	
R. H. Dollarhide, Dist. Elder																	
Grants Pass, etc.	Supplied	12	1	13	1	1	1	2	1	1.98	1.08	60	90	55	.....	.....	.....
Applegate, Williams Creek, etc.	Mary H. Hickman, supply	7	4	11	1	1	1	2	1	1.82	1.72	40	60	40	.....	36	.....
Golden, Glendale and Placer	M. D. Wilson	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	5.57	4.00	.....	3.00	2.23	.....	.....	.....
Ashland and Medford	W. E. Goode, F. H. Smith, sup	21	4	25	1	1	3	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eagle Point	A. W. Countryman, supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cash raised at conference	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63.49
Total	.....	440	83	523	90	11	16	406	100	\$ 137.28	\$ 74.88	\$ 30.90	\$ 62.40	\$ 41.60	.....	\$ 13.24	\$ 456.51

PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD NEAR EDISON,
NEBRASKA, AUGUST 10-14, 1904.

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*.

C. H. FOE, *Secretary*.

J. L. DODGE, *Assistant Secretary*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, K. Thomas, C. H. Foe, S. S. Cameron.

On Sabbath-schools—David Reck, C. H. Sawyer, W. R. Todd, Sarah Bennett Laura Tinker, E. G. Runyon.

On Publications—J. W. Thomas, J. L. Dodge, G. W. Johnston, L. Purdy, W. A. Stevens, Joseph Beetem, G. W. Booker.

On Education—N. B. Ghormley, B. F. Closson, C. H. Foe, R. F. Johnston, W. E. Adamson, D. E. Dodge, H. T. Barrett, R. B. Brummett, J. L. Hilliard.

On Reforms—D. D. Dodge, J. W. Edwards, J. M. Eggers, George Vogt, A. Newman, Charles Vogt, Gretta Hansen, Christina Capellen.

On Resolutions—B. B. Orr, J. W. Thomas.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—R. F. Johnston, Laura Elison, Grace Sawyer.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—G. W. Johnston, Etta Johnston.

To Nominate Trustees for Orleans Seminary—K. Thomas, C. H. Foe, B. F. Closson, J. L. Hilliard, D. E. Dodge.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

B. F. Closson, president; C. H. Foe, secretary; D. D. Dodge, treasurer; A. Newman, Joseph Beetem.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

K. Thomas, president, five years; D. D. Dodge, four years; C. H. Foe, secretary, three years; J. W. Thomas, two years; B. F. Closson, one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

N. B. Ghormley, president; C. H. Foe, secretary; K. Thomas, A. Newman, A. J. Beerey.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

B. F. Closson, Comstock, Nebraska.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, (50 cents); General Missions, (15 cents); second quarter, Conference Claimants, (—); Preachers' Endowment Fund, (5 cents); third quarter, General Superintendents' Claim, Educational, free will offering; fourth quarter, Church Extension, (10 cents); Foreign Missions, free will offering.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

K. Thomas.	J. W. Thomas,	W. R. Todd.	M. V. Hawk.
B. F. Closson.	J. M. Eggers.	J. H. Brittain.	A. R. Baxter,
C. H. Sawyer.	C. H. Foe,	J. W. Edwards.	B. B. Orr,
D. D. Dodge.	N. B. Ghormley,	G. W. Johnston,	S. S. Cameron,
J. L. Dodge.	David Reck.	George Vogt,	G. E. Bennett,
B. F. Taylor.	R. F. Johnston.	G. W. Hayes,	G. W. Tinker.

DELEGATES

D. E. Dodge.	Florence McNees,	E. G. Runyon.	Christina Capellen,
J. L. Hilliard.	R. B. Brummett,	Laura Tinker,	Grace Sawyer,
H. T. Barrett.	L. Purdy,	Celia Ryden,	Laura Elison,
G. W. Booker.	Charles Vogt,	Gretta Hanson.	Ida Hornberger,
Joseph Beeten.	W. A. Stevens.	Sarah Bennett,	A. Newman,
W. E. Adamson.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, K. Thomas, C. H. Foe, A. Newman, J. L. Hilliard.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. K. Lydic.
4. Who remain on trial? W. I. Farnham, J. H. Anderson.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? M. V. Hawk, A. R. Baxter, G. W. Hayes, B. B. Orr, G. W. Tinker, G. E. Bennett, S. S. Cameron, (D. E. Dodge, H. B. Lucore, *C. Hauxwell, *A. Easton, local deacons.)
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? G. W. Johnston, George Vogt.
8. Who have located this year? M. V. Hawk.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. W. Thomas, J. W. Edwards.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. H. Sawyer.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? R. F. Johnston, an ordained elder, from the Nebraska conference; J. H. Brittain, an ordained elder, from the West Kansas conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? B. F. Taylor.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. M. Eggers.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? C. H. Sawyer, \$100.
23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The time to be as near the first of September, 1905, as will suit the general superintendents; place to be selected by the district elders.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session of the conference was held in Mr. Draper's grove, one-half mile north of Edison, Nebraska. There were forty tents, three forty-foot tabernacles and several camp wagons, all well filled with campers; three dining tents and one large tabernacle for services.

A blessed spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevailed. The business was readily

*Ordained this year.

disposed of, in less than the usual time, and general satisfaction was manifested over the appointments and all that was done.

General Superintendent W. A. Sellew presided with marked ability and his preaching seemed to exceed anything we ever heard. All the religious exercises, family worship, prayer meetings and preaching services were characterized by a fervent spirit of prayer. Altar services followed every preaching service, some of them lasting all night, and many were saved, reclaimed or wholly sanctified. Most of those present said, "This is the best conference I ever attended."

Friday afternoon the W. F. M. S. held a special meeting at which over \$31.00 was raised for our foreign missions. The president preached a most interesting and inspiring missionary sermon. A meeting was held in the interest of Christian education at which addresses were made by W. A. Sellew, K. Thomas and others. Ninety dollars was raised in cash and subscriptions for Orleans seminary.

An aggressive evangelistic or missionary plan for extending our work was put in operation. Each circuit is requested to raise by collections, donations or otherwise, a sum equal to fifty cents for each member and probationer reported at this conference.

The district elders were appointed to select the place for holding the next conference; time, as near September 1st as practicable. Each circuit was requested to raise a collection in cash and provisions and forward the same to the seat of the annual conference to assist the district where it is held in supporting the same.

APPOINTMENTS

ORLEANS DISTRICT—K. THOMAS, District Elder, Orleans, Nebraska.

Orleans.....	D. D. Dodge, Orleans, Nebraska
Alma, Wilcox and Republican City.....	George Vogt, Alma, "
Precept and Beaver City.....	A. F. Smith, supply, Precept, "
Oxford and Atlanta.....	J. H. Brittain, Orleans, "
Bloomington and Naponee.....	W. R. Todd, Naponee, "
Minden, Axtell and Lowell.....	Robert Pate, supply, Minden, "
Hastings, Blue Hill and Fairfield.....	D. Reck, Blue Hill, "

N. B. Ghormley, principal Orleans seminary, Orleans, Nebraska; J. W. Edwards, supernumerary, Orleans, Nebraska; J. W. Thomas, supernumerary, Omaha, Nebraska; A. R. Baxter, left without appointment, Orleans, Nebraska; K. Thomas, member Orleans district quarterly conference.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT—K. THOMAS, District Elder.

Cambridge, Earl and Indianola.....	J. L. Dodge, Orleans, Nebraska
Edison and Arapahoe.....	S. S. Cameron, Edison, "
Wilsonville and Lebanon.....	J. K. Lydic, Wilsonville, "
Wellfleet and Curtis.....	A. W. Easton, supply, Cambridge, "
Eddy and Strickland.....	Florence McNeess, supply, Eddy, "

G. W. Hayes left without appointment.

BELGRADE DISTRICT—C. H. FOE, District Elder, Huxley, Nebraska.

Belgrade, Fullerton and Christian Ridge.....	To be supplied
Albion and St. Edwards.....	To be supplied
St. Paul and Concrete.....	B. B. Orr, St. Paul, Nebraska
Giltner and Doniphan.....	W. I. Farnham, Giltner, "
Central City.....	To be supplied
Stark and Marquette.....	J. H. Anderson, Marquette, Nebraska
Pleasant View and Amity.....	G. W. Tinker, Ericson, "

G. W. Johnston, evangelist, Fullerton, Nebraska; O. H. Sawyer, superannuated, Albion, Nebraska; J. M. Eggers given certificate of standing; R. F. Johnston, conference missionary, York, Nebraska.

ANSLEY DISTRICT—C. H. FOE, District Elder.

Ansley and Mackintosh Schoolhouse.....	B. F. Closson, Comstock, Nebraska
Clear Creek and Comstock.....	To be supplied

Sargent, Walworth and Madison Square. D. D. Burwell, supply, Sargent, Nebraska
 New Helena, Oxford Schoolhouse and Antelope. W. R. Mattox, "
 Ravenna, Gibson and Watson's Ranch. G. E. Bennett, Huxley, "
 North Platte and Hershey. J. R. Mylander, supply, Hershey, "
 Lemley and Gandy. Peter Jensen, supply, Lemley. "

M. V. Hawk located at his own request, Ansley, Nebraska; C. H. Foe, member of Ansley district quarterly conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

Our present year closes with considerable success in some localities, proving that it pays to be aggressive. The preachers have mostly devoted themselves to their circuits, and the willing and obedient have reaped a harvest for their labors.

Four camp-meetings and a number of tent and revival meetings have been held. Souls have been saved and believers sanctified, and this year we can report an encouraging increase in membership.

Two new churches are nearly finished and the project for a third is fairly on the way. Distressing church debts have been lowered and in some places entirely liquidated. Evil speaking is being discarded, and brotherly love is on the increase.

Our present camp-meeting and conference in these respects seems a befitting benediction for the conference year.

The pastors in general have also been better supported. A greater revival of class and prayer meetings on the circuits would be a further help. But may these small advances only nerve our souls for greater things.

Let us truly pass from the defensive to the aggressive, and as we receive our several appointments and give the parting touch of the hand let us go forth to our fields of labor the coming year in the name of the Lord with a courage that will not yield and a faith that knows no failure, having as our motto Nebraska for God.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

It is with pleasure that we note the prosperity of our publishing interests as indicated by the increase in the circulation of our official periodicals and the enlarged volume of business otherwise transacted by the Free Methodist Publishing House.

We earnestly recommend to our people that the *Free Methodist*, the official organ of our church, be given the preference over all other publications as a family paper. Our preachers should endeavor to enlarge its field of usefulness by extending its circulation.

We consider that our Sunday-school literature, improved as it has been, is excelled by none and is superior to most literature of that kind.

We recommend the large line of wholesome books published or for sale by the publishing house. We ought as far as possible to supply our own homes and those of our neighbors with such reading matter. We advise our lay members, as well as preachers, to adopt a systematic plan for reading, not forgetting to make the study of the Bible of paramount importance.

In addition to being well supplied with copies of the Word of God, every Free Methodist family should take the *Free Methodist* paper and have at least a copy of the Discipline and the Hymn Book.

We heartily recommend the Metrical Tune Book to our preachers and people as a most suitable book for Sabbath schools, revivals and social meetings, as well as for our regular services. It contains a large number and great variety of hymns on all subjects and for all occasions, sound in theology, correct in their teachings and devotional in spirit and usually set to the best music extant.

III.—ON REFORMS.

Your committee on reforms respectfully submit the following report:

We believe the church was instituted to carry out God's plan of redemption and that it is not merely a reform society, yet we believe the work of reform to be an important branch of our church work.

As an institution for the uplifting of mankind we feel it our duty and privilege to help in carrying on all needed reform.

We still desire to express ourselves as opposed (with no desire to relax our opposition) to the prevailing evils of our day, such as the liquor traffic, tobacco curse, the secret lodge system, Sabbath desecration, Romanism, unscriptural divorce system, evil speaking, etc.

We wish to call especial attention to the subject of family government.

There appears to be a growing neglect in regard to this important matter. In many

cases children are allowed to desecrate the Sabbath, disregard their parents' authority, run in evil company, read pernicious literature, dress in the prevailing fashion of the world, and in some cases attend shows, Fourth of July celebrations, ride the merry-go-round, attend ball games, etc. Such things ought not to be.

As a means of checking these evils we would recommend a careful study of the Scripture on this subject and also the reading of Wesley's Sermon on the Training of Children.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

We think it next to impossible to overestimate the real value of a thorough Christian education.

The times in which we live demand the best of everything in every department of life. The business man, the doctor, the lawyer, the statesman, cannot succeed without a special training and fitness for his work. So in the work of the Lord we shall not be able to reach the highest degree of efficiency unless by careful study we have prepared ourselves for life and its responsibilities.

The world's greatest reformers have been men of learning, whose intellects have been developed by study and whose hearts have been filled with the Holy Ghost.

While we are properly placing great stress on Christian education we must not neglect its rightful companion, viz., the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We believe the Lord can and will use men of meager education, but these same men with proper training might be a greater blessing to the church.

We are grateful beyond expression that God, in his providence, has planted within our borders such a Christian school where our young people can be successfully trained for God and fitted to fill responsible positions in life.

In view of the fact that a light and trashy class of books and periodicals find their way into the system of secular education and into some of the homes of Free Methodists we especially feel the need of standing by Christian education, an exponent of which is the Orleans Seminary.

This school has cost great sacrifice and labor, but it has at last been cleared of debt, and, being under the management of a careful and judicious board of trustees, we expect to see greater developments in the future, provided, however, we come to its assistance by our prayers and our means and secure to it a liberal endowment fund and make the needed repairs and improvements.

We are furthermore glad to note that the school is ably represented by an efficient and devoted faculty.

We can but speak in the highest terms of commendation of the devotion and support of our conference and patronizing territory, and may we not have your continued support? * * * * *

V.—RESOLUTION ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Resolved, That we as Free Methodists carry on our Sunday-schools in a spiritual way.

We feel a deep interest in the Sunday-school work and we believe it is the duty of the superintendent of the school to receive visitors and make them feel welcome; also to see that they are instructed in regard to their soul's salvation and to give them the truth.

Jesus said, "The truth will make you free;" and it is said of the Holy Ghost, "Howbeit when he the Spirit of truth is come he will guide you into all truth." Again, there ought to be more thorough, earnest work done both by teachers and scholars, and the pastors should observe paragraphs 140 and 141, section 5, chapter 9, of Discipline.

Feeling deeply the importance and far-reaching influence of the Sunday-school, we urge our workers of every class to be their very best for God in the Sunday-school for within the bounds of our conference there are many children that can be reached by no other means.

May God continue to raise up spiritual Sunday-schools all over our land.

The object of the Sunday-school is not merely to have a place to meet on Sundays, but to learn about God by studying his Word and then making spiritual application of the same, keeping constantly before the minds of the scholars the need of applying the precious truths to our own hearts and lives.

Let us seek divine guidance in the selection of teachers and officers, and last, but not least, by always being in attendance ourselves.

We insist that all our people use our literature.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

ORLEANS, CAMBRIDGE, BELGRADE AND ANSLEY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendent's Claim	Conference Missions	General Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ORLEANS DISTRICT																		
Orleans.....	C. H. Foe, District Elder	71	5	76	4	5	1	13	100	15	26 60	12 60	33 94	10 60	7 00		\$ 18 00	\$184 32
Alma and Wilcox.....	C. M. Damon, supply.	23	2	25	1	1	9	24	7	7	8 30	3 80	13 60	3 30	2 20		7 70	10 38
Precept and Beaver City.....	George Vogt.....	17	1	18	1	1	6	35	2	2	6 30	3 80	8 60	2 55	1 70		8 20	5 82
Oxford and Atlanta.....	A. F. Smith, supply.....	13	7	20	3	3	1	1	1	1	5 30	2 80	8 50	2 40	1 60			
Bloomington and Republican City.....	J. H. Brittain, supply.....	9	1	10	3	3	1	1	1	1	3 00	2 34	4 00	1 30	1 00			
Fairview and Blue Hill.....	W. R. Todd.....	11	1	12	2	2	1	1	1	1	4 94	2 34	6 50	1 05	1 30			
Haslings and Fairfield.....	C. H. Lucore, supply.....	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 70	1 08		1 90	60			
CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT																		
Cambridge, Earl and Indianola.....	C. H. Foe, District Elder	46	7	53	5	1	3	18	80	12	6 08	2 88	17 50	2 40	1 60		18 00	4 50
Edison and Arapahoe.....	J. L. Dodge.....	22	10	32	1	1	9	48	4	4	6 08	2 88	13 50	2 40	1 60			
Winnville and Madison.....	S. S. Cameron.....	10	6	16	1	1	5	30	5	5	3 80	1 80	70	1 50	1 00			
Wadsworth and Curtis.....	J. K. Lydic, supply.....	14	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	5 70	2 10	7 50	2 25	1 50			
Edly and Strickland.....	V. A. Bagley, supply.....	6	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	5 70	2 10	7 50	2 25	1 50			
BELGRADE DISTRICT																		
Belgrade and Fullerton.....	K. Thomas, District Elder	27	4	31	2	1	5	40	10	10	9 88	4 08	11 75	3 90	2 60			
Albion and St. Edwards.....	J. M. Eggers.....	16	3	19	1	1	5	20	4	4	3 60	1 80	5 40	1 50	1 00			
St. Paul and Concrete.....	C. H. Sawyer.....	14	2	16	1	1	4	10	3	3	4 60	1 95	6 50	1 95	1 30			
Giltner and Doniphan.....	David Reek.....	13	1	14	1	1	6	21	6	6	4 56	2 16	6 00	1 05	1 20		7 35	14 77
Central City.....	W. I. Farnham.....	14	2	16	1	1	6	15	4	4	4 56	2 16	6 00	1 05	1 20		2 00	11 50
Stark and Marquette.....	R. Thomas.....	14	2	16	1	1	7	25	8	8	4 96	2 70	7 50	2 25	1 50		8 65	
Minden and Heartwell.....	George W. Johnston.....	3	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3 88	1 18		1 50	10			
Pleasant View and Amity.....	K. Thomas.....	13	6	19	1	2	12	35	4	4	3 80	1 80	7 50	1 50			50	
ANSLEY DISTRICT																		
Ansley and Mackintosh schoolhouse.....	K. Thomas, District Elder	28		28	1	2	12	50	6	6	9 60	4 50	1 00	3 75	2 50		5 55	
Crostock and Clear Creek.....	F. F. Closson.....	20	20	40	1	2	11	70	5	5	6 08	2 88	3 60	2 40	1 60			
Zion Hill, Walworth and Almeria.....	Sarah Bennett, supply.....	12	12	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 41	2 00	3 60	2 35				
New Helena and Antelope.....	D. D. Dodge.....	8	8	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 80	1 44	4 65	1 20				
Bavenna and Watson's Ranch.....	G. E. Bennett.....	12	12	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	5 61	3 08	5 00	2 65	1 70		5 00	
North Platte and Hershey.....	M. V. Hawk.....	11	11	22	1	1	3	15	2	2	4 28	1 93	5 00	1 20				
Lemley and Gandy.....	K. Thomas.....	8	8	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	4 96	2 48	4 00	1 20				
Collected at conference.....	P. Jensen, supply.....										4 96	1 93						
Not reported by circuits.....																		
Total.....		400	56	516	20	16	21	131	623	123	\$157 70	74 70	\$178 05	62 25	\$41 50		\$ 71 95	\$278 64

*20.75 of this is for the endowment fund.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ORLEANS DISTRICT											
Orleans.....	\$ 2 23	\$ 4 35	\$ 40 27		\$450 00	\$ 6 50			\$ 100		
Alma and Wilcox.....	60		9 40		319 00	36 00	3 75	1	500	1	500
Precept and Beaver City.....			12 36		55 80	36 00	9 00	1	800		
Oxford and Atlanta.....			8 50		143 29	32 00		2	1800		
Bloomington and Republican City.....					14 00	28 00					
Fairview and Blue Hill.....					100 00	35 10					
Hastings and Fairfield.....					10 00	11 00		1	300		
CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT											
Cambridge, Earl and Indianola.....	3 00		23 50		420 00	45 00	47 50	1	1500		
Edison and Arapahoe.....			18 35		326 00	37 75	7 50	1	1100		
Wilsonville and Lebanon.....			4 73		159 60	26 50	16 34			1	300
Wellfleet and Curtis.....					22 30	24 15					
Eddy and Strickland.....			5 67		126 48	28 10	2 30	1	50		
BELGRADE DISTRICT											
Belgrade and Fullerton.....			12 50		360 00	50 00	32 30	1	500	1	500
Albion and St. Edwards.....			7 43		268 41	25 70	6 25	1	600	1	500
St. Paul and Concrete.....					172 45	22 42				1	600
Giltner and Doniphan.....			16 00		361 70	40 54		1	300	1	350
Central City.....					29 02			1	1500	1	1000
Stark and Marquette.....			10 00		189 78	40 85	9 15			1	500
Minden and Heartwell.....					4 00	20 91	23 15				
Pleasant View and Amity.....	1 10		5 30		300 00	25 35					
ANSLEY DISTRICT											
Ansley and Mackintosh schoolhouse.....	75	50	7 52		200 45	40 65		1	125		
Comstock and Clear Creek.....			7 00		125 00	20 20		1	100		
Zion Hill, Walworth and Almeria.....					43 70	28 18					
New Helena and Antelope.....			1 00		34 80	10 38					
Ravenna and Watson's Ranch.....					9 50	24 27					135
North Platte and Hershey.....					22 20	33 72					
Lemley and Gandy.....					93 52	28 15					
Total.....	\$ 7 70	\$ 4 85	\$ 178 63		\$4321 98	\$ 891 34	\$ 157 24	14	\$ 9275	8	\$ 4385

*Includes \$180.00 moving expenses.

†\$33.40 from Cambridge circuit.

Orleans circuit W. F. M. S. report includes birthday box for China mission.

Elders' receipts on Cambridge district includes \$10.00 on general missions.

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT BELDING,
MICHIGAN, AUGUST 10-14, 1904

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*.

C. L. LAMBERTSON, *Secretary*.

R. E. RAYCRAFT, *Assistant Secretary*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, A. G. Hartle, J. A. Watson, D. G. Briggs, F. O. Wyman, C. M. DeFoe.

On Secret Societies—M. C. Eddy, S. H. Carpenter, W. H. James.

On Temperance—S. W. Ingalls, E. M. Russell, George F. Marshall.

On Sunday-schools—C. M. DeFoe, S. H. Williams, A. V. Nixon.

On Education—J. E. Sanders, L. H. Hahn, J. C. Smith.

On Publications—R. E. Raycraft, J. W. Humphreys, R. D. Phelps.

On Reforms—H. D. F. Gaffin, A. A. York, J. Hawkins.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

On Memoirs—H. D. F. Gaffin, C. L. Lambertson, W. Caywood, S. W. Ingalls.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. A. Hudnutt.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—J. A. Watson, D. G. Briggs, George F. Marshall, A. F. Williams.

To Receive Conference Missions Fund—The district elders.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. Hoffman, F. T. Flewelling, L. Webb.

Auditing Committee—J. W. Humphreys, J. C. Smith.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. G. Briggs, president; C. L. Lambertson, secretary and treasurer; F. O. Wyman, D. K. Bellis, A. V. Nixon.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

S. W. Ingalls, president, for one year; C. L. Lambertson, secretary, for three years; A. G. Hartle, for two years.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Secret Societies—J. A. Allen.

On Sabbath-schools—A. G. Hartle.

On Temperance—S. H. Williams.

On Education—J. W. Humphreys.

On Publications—A. A. York.

On Reforms—D. D. Hall.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions and General Missions; second quarter, Church Extension and Permanent Fund; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants.

TO VISIT SPRING ARBOR SEMINARY

S. W. Ingalls.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER

C. L. Lambertson, Cadillac, Michigan. J. W. Humphreys, assistant treasurer.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. R. Cusick,	C. S. Gitchell,	H. D. F. Gaffin,	L. T. Jacokes,
G. H. Joslin,	W. Caywood,	C. L. Lambertson,	E. Thirkettle,
J. A. Watson,	J. A. Hudnutt,	J. A. Allen,	F. K. Baker,
B. W. McKibben,	J. E. Sanders,	S. W. Ingalls,	F. O. Wyman,
S. H. Carpenter,	J. L. Hazeldine,	E. M. Russell,	D. D. Hall,
C. H. Harding,	S. H. Williams,	R. E. Rayercraft,	W. B. Huff,
W. H. Cole,	F. E. Stowell,	W. H. Switzer,	J. N. Bearss,
M. C. Eddy,	F. D. Kaufman,	A. A. York,	O. F. DeFoe,
G. W. Weidman,	T. M. Gallup,	J. W. Humphreys,	T. Baynton,
L. C. Fletcher,	J. E. McDonald,	G. W. Carey,	D. G. Briggs,
A. G. Hartle,	C. M. DeFoe,	L. H. Hahn,	C. A. Gallup,
W. H. Bodine,	W. D. Kingsley,	W. Hoffman,	E. C. Bigelow,
J. B. Griswold,	C. H. Prichard,	J. A. Phillips,	

DELEGATES

F. T. Flewelling,	W. Cummings,	H. Sprague,	L. P. Lawton,
A. V. Nixon	B. A. Clark,	D. K. Bellis,	J. O. Hindes,
W. H. Jury,	J. C. Smith,	M. McDonald,	M. Turner,
R. D. Phelps,	J. S. Kinney,	O. Beebe,	D. Pursley,
George F. Marshall,	H. Toonder,	J. Cox,	O. McCammon,
A. F. Williams,	H. McNeal,	W. Conner,	C. Stoughton,
H. Sayers,	J. Hawkins,	W. Feighner,	P. Dickerson,
A. Whitmore,	W. H. James,	C. Ensign,	L. Borema,
M. Coville,	W. Fergusson,	L. Webb,	W. Grinnage,
C. G. Miller,	Orin Ide,	J. H. Thorne,	George Skedgell,
Ida Smith,	Catherine Davidson,	Elizabeth Blanchard,	Mary Jenks,
Calista Terry,			

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, J. A. Watson, D. G. Briggs, A. G. Hartle, F. O. Wyman, George F. Marshall, A. F. Williams, L. P. Lawton, D. K. Bellis.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. A. Glass, A. Whitmore, J. O. Hindes, H. Rose.

4. Who remain on trial? George A. McGrath.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? J. E. McDonald, J. A. Phillips, L. C. Fletcher, W. H. Cole, T. Baynton, F. D. Kaufman.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? O. F. DeFoe, J. W. Humphreys.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? F. K. Baker, F. E. Stowell, George W. Carey, C. H. Prichard.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? W. R. Cusick, L. T. Jacokes, G. H. Joslin, C. S. Gitchell, B. W. McKibben.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? S. M. Kidder.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? O. F. DeFoe.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? E. Snyder.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the

widows and orphans of preachers? W. R. Cusick, \$150; L. T. Jacokes, \$40; G. H. Joslin, \$60; B. W. McKibben, \$80; Hannah Gilpin and two children, \$65; Minerva Snyder, \$80; Orpha Cope, \$40; Margaret McLucas, \$15. Total, \$530.

24. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The location is left with the district elders; the time as near the second Wednesday in August, 1905, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The North Michigan conference convened at Belding, Michigan, on the 10th of August, for its twenty-ninth annual session. B. R. Jones was gladly welcomed by us as a conference and presided over five very harmonious sittings. A blessed spirit prevailed throughout and all the preachers accepted of their appointments and started out with a determination to make this the best year of their life. Many encouraging reports were brought in.

There were forty ministers out of fifty-three, who answered to the roll call, and forty-five delegates enrolled. Our Sabbath services were very spiritual, the word spoken was like a two-edged sword; the love feast will never be forgotten. Services were conducted by our ministers in several of the churches, besides on the street Sabbath evening. A subscription of over eight hundred dollars was taken to apply on the debt of our church at this place. A missionary service was held and over twenty dollars was raised for the work in foreign lands. A collection was also taken to apply on the deficiency of conference claims and now they are paid in full. There were eighty-four subscriptions for copies of the minutes. On Sabbath F. E. Garter was ordained a local deacon and O. F. DeFoe and J. W. Humphreys were ordained elders. A collection of fifteen cents per member was ordered taken and paid to the district elders. Of this amount they shall proportionately pay the sum of one hundred dollars to the conference treasurer to apply on the salary of our conference evangelist, C. A. Glass, and the balance shall remain in the hands of the district elders subject to the action of their respective quarterly conferences. A very solemn memorial service was conducted on Saturday. Death has broken our ranks and claimed as his victims, E. Snyder, also A. F. Dempsey, who held an evangelist relation, and Sister Russell, the wife of E. M. Russell, and Sister Danskin, the wife of V. M. Danskin.

APPOINTMENTS

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. A. WATSON, District Elder, Alma, Michigan.

Grand Rapids.....	L. H. Hahn, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Coopersville and Nunica	C. M. DeFoe, Coopersville, "
Fruitport, County Line and Sullivan.....	F. E. Garter, supply, "
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone.....	C. H. Harding, Sparta, "
Cedar Springs, Cortland and Cannonsburg....	J. W. Humphreys, Cedar Springs, "
Ravenna and Morland.....	J. N. Bearss, Ravenna, "
Bradley and Gregoryville.....	W. B. Huff, Bradley, "
Coral and Howard City.....	J. A. Phillips, Coral, "
Ensley and Town Line.....	J. R. Marston, supply, Grove, "
Stanwood, Brady Lake and Altona.....	George Akin, supply, Altona, "
Lakeview and Six Lakes.....	W. H. Switzer, Lakeview, "

W. R. Cusick, L. T. Jacokes, G. H. Joslin, superannuated; F. K. Baker, supernumerary; H. D. F. Gaffin, financial agent of the Spring Arbor Seminary; O. F. DeFoe, granted a certificate of standing with a view to transfer to another conference.

IONIA DISTRICT—J. A. HUDNUTT, District Elder.

Grand Ledge and Eagle.....	W. D. Kingsley, Grand Ledge, Michigan
Sunfield and Shaytown.....	J. L. Hazeldine, Sunfield, "
Morgan and Maple Grove.....	S. H. Carpenter, Morgan, "
Hastings, Castleton and Figure 8.....	J. A. Allen, Rosetta Allen, supply, Hastings, "
Saranac and Berlin.....	J. E. McDonald, Saranac, "
Orleans and Belding.....	A. G. Hartle, Orleans, "
F. E. Stowell, G. W. Carey, supernumerary; B. W. McKibben, superannuated; C. A. Glass, evangelist.	

ISABELLA DISTRICT—J. A. HUDNUTT, District Elder.

Clare and Harrison.....	S. H. Williams, Clare, Michigan
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln and County Line.....	H. Rose, Shepherd, "
Alma and Burns.....	W. Caywood, Alma, "
St. Louis.....	W. Hoffman, St. Louis, "
Elm Hall, Sumner and Sand Ridge.....	M. C. Eddy, Elm Hall, "
Stanton, Fishville and Westville.....	A. Haywood, supply, Stanton, "
Greenville, Fenwick and Evergreen.....	W. Jury, supply, Fenwick, "
F. D. Kaufman and R. E. Raycraft, left without appointment.	

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—F. O. WYMAN, District Elder, Custer, Michigan.

Big Rapids and Barton.....	J. B. Griswold, Belding, Michigan
Woodville and River.....	C. A. Gallup, Woodville, "
Walkerville and Elbridge.....	C. A. Bartlett, supply, Walkerville, "
Ludington and Summit.....	S. W. Ingalls, Ludington, "
Custer and Scottville.....	D. D. Hall, Custer, "
Bristol.....	M. McDonald, supply, Rose Lake, "
South Evart and Chippewa.....	L. J. Hazeldine, supply, Evart, "
Fork and Barryton.....	T. M. Gallup, Barryton, "
Titus.....	A. C. Pratt, supply, "
Weidman and Deerfield.....	E. M. Russell, Weidman, "
Milbrook and Wyman.....	J. D. Gregory, supply, Milbrook, "
Rose Lake and Marion.....	A. A. York, Rose Lake, "
W. H. Cole, left without appointment; C. H. Prichard, supernumerary.	

CADILLAC DISTRICT—D. G. BRIGGS, District Elder, Manton, Michigan.

Cadillac.....	C. L. Lambertson, Cadillac, Michigan
Cherry Grove, Boon and Harrietta, G. A. McGrath, Bertha McGrath, supply, Boon, "	
Manton and Greenwood.....	W. H. Bodine, Manton, "
Lake City.....	G. W. Weidman, Lake City, "
Kingsley, Beitner, Bates and Traverse City.....	C. G. Miller, supply, Kingsley, "
Colfax, Antioch and Mesick.....	E. C. Bigelow, Meauwataka, "
Lodi.....	L. C. Fletcher, Kalkaska, "
Mancelona.....	J. Coles, supply, Mancelona, "
Elmira and Boyne.....	H. Toonder, supply, Elmira, "
South Arm, Central Lake {	A. Whitmore
and Advance }	May Whitmore, supply, South Arm, "
O. S. Gitchell, superannuated; T. Baynton, left without appointment.	

SAULT STE MARIE DISTRICT—D. G. BRIGGS, District Elder.

Sault Ste Marie.....	J. E. Sanders, 529 Court street, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan
Hay Lake and Dafter.....	E. Thirkettle, Rosedale, "

St. Joseph Island To be supplied
 Drummond Island J. O. Hindes, Drummond, Michigan
 The quarterly conference relation of D. G. Briggs is fixed on the Cadillac district; that of J. A. Hudnutt on the Ionia district.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.—Assessed and paid, \$556.05.
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS'.—Assessed and paid, \$303.30.
 GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$252.75.
 CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed and paid, \$168.50.
 PERMANENT FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$84.25.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Paid, \$126.70.
 CHILDREN'S FUND.—Paid, \$8.54.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Paid, \$2.19.

II.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

We, your committee on Secret Societies, beg leave to submit the following:

We believe the principles and practises of an oath-bound or obligated secret society are detrimental to the best interests of mankind, socially, politically and religiously. We believe also that the history of the past and the conditions of the present demonstrate both the wisdom and righteousness of the position taken by the Free Methodist church in regard to secret organizations. The underlying principle of all such organizations is directly opposed to the open and unveiled invitations and operations of the gospel of Jesus Christ whose founder declared that, "In secret have I said nothing." This gospel also invites the most rigid and candid examination into its provisions, methods and results as a preliminary condition to its acceptance. Secrecy is the devil's masterpiece for the enslavement of mankind both mentally and morally and is destructive to both church and state, robbing the former of her spirituality and power and the latter of her liberty; it is a menace to our country, a corrupter of politics, an obstacle in the way of justice, a bane to society, and a debaser of morals. We denounce the riotous acts of the laboring men acting under the influence of these societies and parading the streets in the interests of them. The hand-breadth of time should be esteemed too precious to be trifled away in the companionship of the ungodly and devoted to the practise of the insane and foolish mummeries of heathenism. Imagine a minister of the gospel of him who is the light of life let down by a break-neck tackle into a pit of darkness to hunt for some old box as if he thought the Royal Arch Masons had the ark of God's covenant hid in some hole in their lodge room: imagine one professing to be clad with the robe of righteousness and his feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, submitting to be haltered and blindfolded and led by the deluded votaries of sin in a shameful array around a lodge room in search of light and saving knowledge; imagine if you can his disappointment and shame when his eyes are unbound upon seeing himself neither naked nor clothed, neither barefoot nor shod, standing in the midst of a motley group of unbelievers. There is, of course, an agreement to stand by one another in trials and troubles but the charity of the gospel rises to the higher plane of loving our enemies and doing good to those that hate us. We charge many of the late troubles and riots in our country to this monster of evils. Therefore, be it

Resolved. That we as a conference will use all legitimate means to set this evil before the world and the church in its true light and be more earnest in crushing out its deadly influences.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following:

True education comprehends more than intellectual development. It comprehends also the physical and moral man. To be truly educated is the regulation of body, mind and soul, and this should begin early in life, in childhood. The purpose of an education is not merely to teach the young how to gain a livelihood but how to live so that in every relation of life they comprehend principle and form proper judgments of right and wrong. No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself, hence the greatest good of a man's life is to know how to best serve his fellows. The meaning of an education in a nominal sense is too narrow and the ordinary student seeks knowledge at the hand of a college faculty without any relative value of his moral life, neither does he seek an acquaintance with ideas of truth that make him a vigorous spiritual man as well as a vigorous mental man. We would not speak discouragingly of our present American school system, neither would

we underrate the value of knowledge but we should not trust to that alone to carry us to the goal of success. We may get knowledge as a result of intellectual activity without any particular sense of moral obligation or responsibility. Solomon said that wisdom was the principal thing, therefore get wisdom. From every department of human research we get wisdom which has moral element as well as mental development. A man may have knowledge without wisdom or wisdom without knowledge but knowledge wisely used adds greatly to our usefulness, but unwisely used it brings scorn and contempt to the possessor.

There are some people, who are well meaning, that object to an education because many that are educated fall into deep sin and serious crime. To this we answer that their education was seriously at fault, lacking the moral training and whoso is not taught to regard the social and moral rights and privileges of others is not properly educated. But they who from the beginning to the end of their school days are taught moral principle are not the ones to be so easily drawn into immoral conduct. We wish to acknowledge with particular emphasis that the Bible is the prime root of true education, and to exclude it from the public schools as some states have done would be to tear down the foundation rock of knowledge and pierce with poisonous dart the organic law on which our national government and our several state governments are founded and maintained. It should be the chief object of every school faculty to teach the young domestic tranquility, to provide for their common defense, to promote their general welfare, and secure to themselves and their posterity civil and moral liberties, and against such an education there is no law. To contend against such would be to disparage man, his activities, his capabilities, and his intellect. Man that knows no higher calling in life than to get something to eat or drink, can give no reason for an existence superior to other creatures or animals. In order to form pleasant associations we must know moral virtues, which is worth more to us than life itself.

We have at Spring Arbor, Michigan, a school that we believe stands pre-eminently at the head of all other educational institutions of the state of like capacity. A school in which we can safely place our children and young people. Prof. D. S. Warner, the principal, is widely known by our people throughout the state as a devout Christian, an efficient educator, and is profound in fatherly counsel and care of all students. Sometimes we hear objections to the school but if by careful research our *people find a school that is less worldly and more spiritual*, we would say give it your patronage. But should you fail to find one we appeal to you to stand by our own school. In behalf of the school faculty, and the proper education of your children, which is worth more to you than gold or bank stock, you are cordially invited to visit the school. Under the able management of Rev. H. D. F. Gaffin, the financial agent, the school has had many needed repairs and is at present relieved from any serious financial embarrassment and is in a very prosperous condition. The attendance last year was the largest in the school's history. We would call attention to all young men who feel they are called into the gospel ministry to spend some time in one of our schools, for it will be of great value to them in their life's work. We as a people know that the first qualification of a gospel minister is the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and all other helps are secondary. We recommend that all our ministers be regular in their habits of study that they may show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

BIG RAPIDS, CADILLAC AND SAULT STE MARIE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claim— ante Fund	General Superin- tendents' Claim	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci- ties			
BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT																												
F. O. Wyman, District Elder																												
Big Rapids.....	16	4	20	38	1	1	4	30	2	7	92	3	3	60	3	3	60	3	3	60	3	3	60	3	3	60	3	3
Woodville and River.....	37	2	39	70	2	14	63	7	12	21	19	6	5	35	3	3	35	3	3	35	3	3	35	3	3	35	3	3
Waderville and Elbridge.....	30	1	31	62	1	8	30	5	9	17	12	4	3	22	2	2	22	2	2	22	2	2	22	2	2	22	2	2
Ludington and Summit.....	34	6	40	70	3	12	40	4	8	16	12	4	3	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2
Custer and Scottville.....	24	6	30	60	1	8	30	5	9	17	12	4	3	22	2	2	22	2	2	22	2	2	22	2	2	22	2	2
Criston.....	24	6	30	60	1	8	30	5	9	17	12	4	3	22	2	2	22	2	2	22	2	2	22	2	2	22	2	2
St. Ignace and Ojibway.....	63	2	65	128	3	12	40	4	8	16	12	4	3	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2
Fort Bay and Big Lake.....	40	9	49	98	4	13	40	13	21	12	11	5	2	28	2	2	28	2	2	28	2	2	28	2	2	28	2	2
W. B. Huff.....	19	1	20	40	1	6	20	4	8	16	12	4	3	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2
Weldman and Deerfield.....	17	1	18	36	1	6	20	4	8	16	12	4	3	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2
Milbrook and Weyman.....	45	3	48	96	2	7	35	11	18	25	18	8	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3
Rose Lake and Marion.....	9	3	12	24	1	3	20	3	6	12	12	4	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1
Barton.....	17	1	18	36	1	6	20	4	8	16	12	4	3	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2	24	2	2
CADILLAC DISTRICT																												
D. G. Briggs, District Elder																												
Cadillac.....	20	5	25	50	1	7	30	8	14	22	16	7	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3
Cherry Grove, Boon and Harrietta.....	26	7	33	66	1	2	14	45	7	12	19	6	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3
Manion and Glenwood.....	68	10	78	156	2	11	75	15	28	43	32	14	6	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6
Lake Charlevoix.....	25	1	26	52	1	5	20	7	12	19	16	7	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3
G. W. Weldman.....	35	6	41	82	2	7	60	17	26	39	28	12	5	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6
C. G. Miller, supply.....	35	6	41	82	2	7	60	17	26	39	28	12	5	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6
Kingsley, Bettner and Traverse City.....	35	6	41	82	2	7	60	17	26	39	28	12	5	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6	60	6	6
Golfax, Antioch and Mesick.....	25	2	27	54	1	2	15	70	4	8	16	7	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3
L. C. Fletcher, V. M. Danskin, supply.....	50	10	60	120	4	15	100	10	14	19	14	6	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3
Lodi, Mancelona and Elmira.....	20	3	23	46	1	6	30	6	10	16	12	4	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1
South Arm, Central Lake, Advance.....	20	3	23	46	1	6	30	6	10	16	12	4	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1
SAULT STE MARIE DISTRICT																												
D. G. Briggs, District Elder																												
Sault Ste Marie.....	41	11	52	104	1	7	40	6	10	16	12	4	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1
Hay Lake and Dater.....	38	17	55	110	3	12	65	4	8	16	12	4	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3
St. Joseph Island.....	32	8	40	80	1	3	18	7	12	19	16	7	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3	36	3	3
Drummond Island.....	16	3	19	38	1	4	18	1	3	6	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	1
Total.....	1728	209	1937	5014	86	516	2513	327	523	63	292	99	5	226	66	4	241	82	136	70	22	50	136	70	22	50	136	70

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT											
Grand Rapids.....			\$ 2 90	\$ 380 50	\$ 34 00	\$ 1 00	1	1500			
Coopersville and Nunica.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 36 46	307 43	44 00	22 00	1	2000			1	\$ 600
Fruitport, County Line, Sullivan.....		23 00	50 00	28 00		1	1200			1	
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone.....		50 00	2 00	354 36	42 00	2	1800			1	800
Cedar Springs, Cortland and Canonsburg.....		43 95	4 30	558 52	52 95	3	2100			2	950
Ravenna and Morland.....		11 00	90	339 39	30 00	1	1000			1	500
Bradley and Gregoryville.....		8 00	1 63	152 95	32 00	2	800			1	600
Coral and Howard City.....		19 50	2 60	356 14	44 00	2	2000			1	150
Ensley.....		29 48	1 15	185 97	22 00	2	600			1	500
Stanwood, Brady Lake and Altona.....			2 95	285 54	40 00	3	1400			1	100
Lakeview and Six Lakes.....		12 00		217 25	38 00	2 00	1	800		1	700
IONIA DISTRICT											
Grand Ledge and Eagle.....	\$ 2 12	17 38	2 45	425 60	60 00		4	3600		1	1000
Sunfield and Shaytown.....		36 29	2 90	420 78	60 00	7 63	2	2600		1	1000
Morgan and Maple Grove.....		27 75	1 45	458 30	32 00		2	1300		1	700
Hastings, Castleton and Figure 8.....		13 00	1 15	214 82	28 00	4 75	2	1200		1	900
Saranac and Berlin.....		9 50	1 40	308 40	38 20	5 02	2	2000		1	450
Orleans and Belding.....	2 00	57 36	3 20	343 87	48 00		2	4200		1	600
ISABELLA DISTRICT											
Clare and Harrison.....		18 50		290 25	28 00		1	1100		1	800
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln, County Line	50	42 00	2 25	489 00	40 00		3	2000		1	300
Alma and Burns.....	3 00	30 00	1 55	293 24	34 00		1	1200		1	800
St. Louis.....		5 70		207 75	20 00		1	800			
Elm Hall, Sumner and Sand Ridge.....		22 43	1 60	340 00	36 00		1	1200		1	300
Stanton, Fishville and Westville.....		10 00		227 72	26 00		2	1500		1	400
Greenville, Fenwick, Evergreen.....		3 00		28 17	12 00		2	400			
BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT											
Big Rapids.....		10 51	1 12	183 00	20 00		1	350		1	350
Woodville and River.....		20 04	1 85	315 47	39 00		2	1500		1	300
Walkerville and Elbridge.....			1 45	94 75	24 00		1	800		1	500
Ludington and Summit.....		23 41	64	410 03	30 00		1	1500			
Custer and Scottville.....		30 00	3 40	383 00	40 00	15 00	1	1200		1	600
Bristol.....		20 00	1 35	200 30	16 00		1	600		1	500
South Ewart and Chippewa.....		20 00	3 20	310 00	43 00		1	500		1	350
Fork, Barryton and Titus.....		24 00	1 85	339 10	24 00	11 60	2	1400		1	200
Weidman and Deerfield.....			80	305 81	19 00		2	500		1	200
Milbrook and Wyman.....			25	167 67	18 00		2	700		1	200
Rose Lake and Marlon.....		22 00	1 25	285 00	26 00	2 00	1	700		1	200
Barton.....		5 65	40	77 75	14 40						
CADILLAC DISTRICT											
Cadillac.....		18 09	75	324 74	26 59		1	1300		1	700
Cherry Grove, Boon and Harrietta.....		26 78	1 03	233 74	28 00	9 20	1	100		1	250
Manton and Greenwood.....	51	26 40	2 80	400 00	48 00	3 33	2	1800		1	1000
Lake City.....		10 00	1 10	312 25	21 00	5 00	1	800			
Kingsley, Beitner, Traverse City.....		19 00	1 50	300 00	37 00	12 50	1	500		1	60
Colfax, Antioch and Mesick.....		4 74	1 25	287 00	40 00		1	1000		1	600
Lodi, Mancelona and Elmira.....	57	45 97	2 15	443 79	43 50	16 82	2	2400		1	150
South Arm, Central Lake, Advance.....		5 00	1 00	172 36	30 33	8 00	1	75		1	250
SAULT STE MARIE DISTRICT											
Sault Ste Marie.....		26 86	2 45	387 38	39 87		1	2500		1	1000
Hay Lake and Duffer.....		19 76	1 80	224 46	32 00		1	600		1	350
St. Joseph Island.....		10 29	1 85	303 14	32 39		1	900			
Drummond Island.....		9 34	85	182 83	20 60	4 00	1	400			
Total.....	\$ 3 19	\$ 8 34	\$ 934 14	\$72 51	15525 25	\$1584 82	\$ 129 25	71	\$ 59725 39	\$1961 0	

WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT COLLEGE
SPRINGS, IOWA, AUGUST 24-28, 1904

OFFICERS

W. A. SELLEW, *President.*

J. H. WILSON, *Secretary and Treasurer*

D. C. LAMSON, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, J. H. Wilson, F. I. Waters, R. H. Smyth.

On Publications—G. W. Taylor, W. M. Adams, W. H. Wilfong.

On Reforms—T. B. Webb, E. N. Miller, T. Woodmansee.

On Education—R. W. Meeker, J. F. Mudd, William Alexander.

On Sunday-schools—D. C. Eddy, P. H. Arlington, F. R. Clipperton.

On State of the Work—J. H. Wilson, F. I. Waters.

On Publishing the Minutes—J. H. Wilson, D. C. Lamson.

On Collecting Money to Publish the Minutes—E. N. Miller.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—The stationing committee.

On Memoirs—J. H. Wilson, R. W. Meeker, F. I. Waters.

On Foreign Missions—Maud Wallace, Amanda Hardsock, Bertha Whitmore.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—G. W. Taylor, Thomas Lawson,
D. C. Eddy.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

D. C. Lamson, for three years; J. H. Wilson, for two years; E. N. Miller, for one
year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. H. Wilson, F. I. Waters, D. C. Eddy, W. H. Wilfong, A. I. Conklin.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. H. Smyth, for five years; E. N. Miller, for four years; J. T. Williams, for three
years; J. H. Wilson, for two years; T. Woodmansee, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—R. W. Meeker.

On Sunday-schools—G. W. Taylor.

On Reforms—P. H. Arlington.

On Education—D. C. Lamson.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this
conference?

PREACHERS

J. W. Dake,
T. J. Gates,
F. I. Waters,
D. C. Eddy,
D. C. Lamson,
T. B. Webb,
F. N. Ahern.

J. S. Phillips,
W. M. Adams,
C. G. Cox,
G. W. Taylor,
R. H. Smyth,
O. Peitsmeyer,

E. N. Miller,
P. H. Arlington,
George Patrick,
J. F. Mudd,
W. L. Giersdorf,
W. W. Crippen,

J. H. Wilson,
F. E. Eaton,
J. J. Woof,
A. Dowd,
R. W. Meeker,
Thomas Lawson,

DELEGATES

A. I. Conklin,	Bertha Whitmore,	Amanda Hardsock,	W. W. Parrish,
Maud Wallace,	William G. Taylor,	T. Woodmansee,	James Wickwire,
F. R. Clipperton,	W. H. Wilfong,	Sarah Elkins,	Henry Reiland,
William Alexander,	W. S. Sargent,	F. G. Harley,	N. Katie Waters,
Loretta Holcomb,	Minerva Wray,	Emma Cuttell,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, J. H. Wilson, F. I. Waters, W. H. Wilfong, A. I. Conklin.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Roscoe Ashcraft.
4. Who remain on trial? W. D. Groesbeck, G. Benton Ingram.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? W. W. Crippen, O. Peitsmeyer, Thomas Lawson.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? R. W. Meeker, T. B. Webb.
8. Who have located this year? W. F. Butman, O. L. Mossman.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. G. Cox, O. Peitsmeyer.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. W. Dake, J. S. Phillips, George Patrick.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? F. N. Ahern, from the Missouri conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? F. D. Christie.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? M. D. Myers.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? R. M. Rhamy.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistics.
21. See report on conference claimants and claims.
23. See treasurer's report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place was left to be fixed by the district elders; the time as near the last Wednesday in August, 1905, as is convenient with the plan of the general superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS

SHENANDOAH DISTRICT—J. H. WILSON, District Elder, 305 East Chestnut street, Clarinda, Iowa.

Shenandoah, Bingham and Essex... G. W. Taylor, Anna Taylor, supply, Shenandoah, Iowa
 College Springs and Clarinda... D. O. Lamson, Nora Lamson, supply, College Springs, "
 Hamburg and Knox... Maud Wallace, Mae Vredenberg, supplies, Hamburg, "
 Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill... F. N. Ahern, Braddyville, "

J. W. Dake, Shambaugh, Iowa, J. S. Phillips, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, superannuated; G. Benton Ingram, left without appointment to attend school; T. J. Gates, left without appointment, see ¶84 and ¶85 of the Discipline, Orleans, Nebraska; J. H. Wilson, member of Shenandoah district quarterly conference.

CRESTON DISTRICT—J. H. WILSON, District Elder.

Carbon, Mt. Etna and Sciola... T. B. Webb, Carbon, Iowa
 Gravity, Glasgow schoolhouse and Caledonia... E. N. Miller, Gravity, "

Lorimor.....F. E. Eaton, Lorimor, Iowa
Garden Grove.....William G. Taylor, supply, Garden Grove, "
W. F. Butman, granted certificate of location, member of the Lorimor class.

DUNLAP DISTRICT—J. H. WILSON, District Elder.

Dunlap and Bethel.....R. W. Meeker, Dunlap, Iowa
Council Bluffs.....W. L. Giersdorf, 1620 Avenue B, Council Bluffs, "
Sandy Point and Pisgah.....To be supplied
F. D. Christie, withdrawn from the conference and the church and his credentials were annulled.

BOONE DISTRICT—F. I. WATERS, District Elder, 402 West Third street, Boone, Iowa.

Boone and Ogden.....D. C. Eddy, Boone, Iowa
Polk City and Bethany.....J. F. Mudd, Polk, "
Bear Grove.....P. H. Arlington, Guthrie Center, "
Coon Rapids.....R. H. Smyth, Coon Rapids, "
Churdan.....Fanny Pemble, supply, Churdan, "
Scranton and Hobbs' schoolhouse.....W. D. Groesbeck, Scranton, "

O. L. Mossman, granted certificate of location, member of the Boone class; George Patrick, superannuated without claim, Coon Rapids, Iowa; O. Peitsmeyer supernumerary, Guthrie Center, Iowa; F. I. Waters, member of the Boone quarterly conference.

SIoux CITY DISTRICT—F. I. WATERS, District Elder.

Danbury and Onawa.....Roscoe Ashcraft, Winnie Ashcraft, supply, Danbury, Iowa
Ida Grove.....Mary Essley, supply, Ida Grove, "
Correctionville and Kingsley.....W. M. Adams, Correctionville, "
Merrill and LeMars.....Thomas Lawson, Merrill, "
Sioux City.....J. J. Woof

M. D. Myers, granted a certificate with a view to transfer.

SAC CITY DISTRICT—F. I. WATERS, District Elder.

Sac City and Early.....W. W. Crippen, Sac City, Iowa
Jolley.....To be supplied
Plover, Havelock and Rolfe.....A. Dowd, Havelock, "

MISCELLANEOUS

This session of the conference was harmonious. General Superintendent W. A. Sellev presided with general acceptability. The preaching was plain, practical and spiritual.

Collections for the following amounts and purposes were taken: Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$38.20; Wessington Springs Seminary, \$156; deficiency in conference claims and incidentals, \$72.50; secretary and treasurer, \$5.90.

The conference overlooked fixing the order of collections, but the secretary would suggest the following order: General Missions, Church Extension, first quarter; Conference Claimants', second quarter; General Superintendents', Permanent Fund, third quarter; Conference Missions (17 cents per member), fourth quarter.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Received, \$88.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Received, \$87.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Received \$191.40.

PERMANENT FUND—Received, \$29.
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND—Received, \$104 40.
 CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Received, \$58.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—Received, \$5.29.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—Received, \$1.35.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—Received, \$2.25.

II.—ON CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS.

The claims for the year are as follows: J. W. Dake, \$150; J. S. Phillips, \$100; Mrs. P. R. Rhamy, \$60; Carrie Nixon (orphan) \$20.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

We believe in training the intellectual as well as the moral and physical faculties of our being; and to neglect one is to impair the others; and to impair any of man's powers is to unfit him for the greatest degree of usefulness in the world.

We, as Christians, should be anxious that everyone should be at his best in this world for God's glory. To be successful we not only need training, but we need proper training. We appreciate our public schools, and yet we deplore the lack of moral tone which should be found in them. And further, we are chagrined to find the many erroneous ideas which are being taught in our higher institutions of learning, hence we are more than ever impressed with the value and need of our own church schools, where everything that is taught is in harmony with God's revelation to us and with the proper moral training of the pulpit. These things being true, we would urge our people and invite all who will to join with us in standing by these God-given institutions:

First, with our prayers and sympathies; second, by influencing all whom we can to take advantage of these benefits; third, with our means, as stewards of God, that these institutions may be supported and enlarged as needed, that our young people may be fitted for a life of greater usefulness.

IV.—ON MEMOIRS.

Death has again, within the last year, entered our ranks, and there is a vacant seat in our conference. We are impressed with the fact that one by one we must leave our sphere here below and join that beyond. We should be prompted to greater desire for, and zeal in the Master's cause, so that we may hear the "Well done."

Rev. R. M. Rhamy was born in Hancock county, Ohio, March 30, 1841, and died in Garden Grove, Iowa, September 9, 1903. He was married to Priscilla R. Laughrey in 1864 who, with eleven children, is left to mourn his loss.

Brother Rhamy was converted and joined the Free Methodist church in the year 1870. He was admitted on trial in the Kansas and Missouri conference in 1879. He braved the hardships of the pioneer Free Methodist preacher with unflagging zeal, and served a number of charges acceptably.

His health had been poor for some time, but no one thought the end so near. He seemed to be in usual health when he retired on the evening of September 9, but he soon began to struggle and passed away without regaining consciousness.

The funeral service was held in the Free Methodist church at Garden Grove, conducted by Elder J. H. Wilson, and the body was laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery near Hepburn, Iowa.

V.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We believe the object of the Sabbath-school should be the impartation of a spiritual knowledge of the word of God. Jesus said, "The words I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." The Holy Ghost is the great teacher. The Savior said, He shall teach you. Therefore, we believe profound spirituality should characterize our Sabbath-schools. The officers and teachers in them should be persons of unquestionable piety, whose example is worthy of imitation and whose object and effort should be for the conversion of the unsaved portion of the school.

We recommend that the pastors and Sunday-school boards exercise due care in selecting officers and teachers who are pleasant and cheerful in their manner.

A little girl while eating her breakfast of bread and milk, and sitting near a window where the sun shone in brightly exclaimed, "O mamma, I have eaten a whole spoonful of sunshine!" We recommend that kind of diet for all who labor in the Sabbath-school.

We take pleasure in mentioning our Sabbath-school literature which we believe to be the best that can be obtained anywhere. A liberal supply should be purchased by each school. The interest in our schools is often increased by the influence of our literature. We also recommend that normal classes be organized and the home department brought into use wherever practicable.

VI.—ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are thankful for the interest that is manifested in foreign missions among us, and pray that it may greatly increase. By consulting the minutes of last year we find that only \$3.35 was reported by the pastors of this conference for foreign missions for the year 1902-3; and our conference treasurer informs us that only \$1.35 has passed through his hands this year.

While the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has done a great deal for the foreign work, yet the pastors should not leave all the responsibility on the women. We believe it would be a good plan for them to preach, at least once a year, on foreign missions. Surely our people need educating on this subject. People are more ready to give and sacrifice for a cause whose needs they know. So our ministers ought to inform themselves of the needs of foreign fields, that they may be able to instruct their hearers regarding the same.

Christ's command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We cannot all go in person, but we can help to send. As it is written, "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Do not think when you have paid your dues to the W. F. M. S. that your duty ends there. If every pastor would take one collection at each appointment in the year for this work, and the pastors of other conferences would do likewise, God's work in foreign fields would move on much more rapidly. The home work never suffers from what we give to foreign missions.

VII.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." This scripture suggests the thought that we are creatures of influence. As is sometimes said, persons are known by the company they keep, so can we not arrive at a similar conclusion by the literature in which they take the greatest interest?

Christ said, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." We would infer from this that a word, either spoken or written, according to its character has an influence to lift up the individual to pure and noble thought or to lower and degrade the mind. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." In order to reach this experience the mind must be brought under the influence of thought which bears it up to Christ. Hence, we ask, Will not reading trashy literature bring a degrading influence over the mind, just as surely as it will to mingle with evil associates?

In our public schools our teachers require our children to read certain novels in order that they may gain the use of fluent language. We deplore this custom, as it creates an appetite for this class of reading. We also find many of the Sunday-school papers and books in Sunday-school libraries, which we consider very unwholesome literature.

Seeing these existing evils—for we surely consider them such—it is, therefore, with deep satisfaction that we record our appreciation of the wise and vigorous efforts our church is making to provide publications which meet the emergency of this time. No better publications can be found than those issued by our publishing house. We would call special attention to the *Free Methodist*. We notice that those who take and read it are generally the most spiritual and best informed. We also recommend the *Earnest Christian*, the *Missionary Tidings* and our Sabbath-school literature which is of the highest order. We find the *Pilgrims' Banner* a convenient medium of local information.

VIII.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

We feel thankful to Almighty God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, for the manifestations of prosperity and spirituality which we see among us. The past year has been one of more encouraging revival awakening than we have witnessed for a number of years. While there have been a few places where we have sustained considerable numerical loss on account of local difficulties, the main body of our work presents an encouraging gain. Especially in the north section of the conference where our losses have been greatest and most persistent hitherto the tide has turned and gains are apparent on the majority of the charges. Where these conditions exist there will necessarily be an increasing condition of spirituality.

While our people are generally typical Free Methodists we feel compelled to admit that occasionally we see evidences of worldliness in that which is purely ornamental in attire in extra ribbons, laces and especially in enormous bonnets, trimmed with gaudy millinery stuff of extraordinary bulk, among the sisters; occasional instances of financial grasping, and closeness in regard to the support of the work of God, both among the brethren and sisters, and some few instances among the ministry where there seems to be a disposition to follow worldly pursuits to the exclusion of making the preaching of the gospel the one aim of their lives.

But when we view the majority of our people, both among the ministers and laity, we find a body of plain, spiritual, consecrated, sacrificing people. We thank God for the pre-

ponderance of hopeful conditions, and call attention to the less hopeful only that these may be bettered, and so greater prosperity follow.

We would suggest, in anticipation of our future work, that we as preachers and people devote more attention and energy to holding meetings in new places, thus spreading our work, while, at the same time we do not cease our efforts in behalf of our old fields. Also, we would urge more intense effort, both in the home and in the church in every possible way for the salvation of our children and young people. In order to this we would commend to the prayerful consideration of our people the plan sanctioned by the late general conference entitled "Christian Helpers' Society," and we would urge our people to devote more effort to the cultivation of sacred music, and thus increase the effectiveness of our song service.

IX.—ON REFORMS.

The spirit of worldliness in dress is making inroads upon the church and threatens to destroy the marks of distinction between a disciple of Christ and a follower of the world. While our people are free from the wearing of feathers and flowers, yet the wearing of bunches of ribbons or chiffon on hats, or showy buckles on shoes, and, possibly, dresses made of open work which exposes parts of the body, and men who part their hair in the middle, as well as the wearing of the lone mustache, sometimes are seen among our pilgrims. Your committee deplors these things and would urge our people to keep free from these worldly tendencies, as well as gold-bowed glasses, slides on watch guards, gold watches, etc.

The liquor traffic is cruel and insatiable as death—a gigantic system of robbery, murder and ruin. No language contains words strong enough to adequately describe it. Mr. Wesley felt it when he characterized it as "The sum of all villanies." It has slain more of our fellow creatures than has the sword. It seems to be endeavoring to more securely fasten itself on our fair land. It is a curse to the laboring classes, especially. It is a greater curse than slavery ever was. We earnestly appeal to all voters to cast their ballots straight for prohibition.

We continue to affirm our well known position with reference to all secret societies. We believe them to be anti-Christian, while making pretensions religiously. By their cunning craftiness they deceive the more unstable souls. We should use wisdom in our efforts to head off this device of the devil and give the people the true light of the gospel of the Son of God. We stand opposed to all works of darkness and insist that our people keep apart from all secret societies, that they may be free to follow the will of the Lord in all things.

The command of God is, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." It seems to us that Sabbath visiting is out of harmony with this command. Some under our observation have neglected the means of grace and have gone visiting their friends. This ought not so to be. Then again, Sunday traffic seems to be carried on with great delight. Is not the running of trains or street cars on Sunday, as well as the sale of milk, opening the grocery store or meat market, the preparation of extra dinners at boarding houses on Sunday, etc., out of harmony with the command of God, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy"?

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

SHENANDOAH, CRESTON, DUNLAP, BOONE, SIOUX CITY AND SAC CITY DISTRICTS

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE— CONTINUED

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SHENANDOAH DISTRICT											
Shenandoah, Bingham and Center Chapel.....	\$ 70	\$ 2 50	\$ 47 00	\$ 2 60	\$ 441 88	\$ 82 49	\$ 64 54	3	4000	1	\$ 1800
College Springs.....			15 50	1 55	310 00	49 60	10 25	1	1000	1	700
Clarinda.....		1 72	18 50	1 25	150 00	40 00	46 94	1	1500	1	1500
Hamburg and Knox.....			5 25	80	84 27	19 30	10 00	1	1000	1	600
Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill.....			26 54	1 95	410 00	62 75	18 00	2	1250	1	500
CRESTON DISTRICT											
Carbon, Mt. Etna and Sciola.....			14 60	1 35	298 50	55 50	25 35	1	1000	1	700
Gravity, Glasgow S. H., Caledonia.....			6 05	55	250 00	39 95		1	10.0	1	600
Lorimer.....			24 00	1 20	291 43	38 40	5 00			1	500
Garden Grove.....			4 00			12 00		1	700		
DUNLAP DISTRICT											
Dunlap and Bethel.....			22 60	2 10	522 00	68 00	12 80	2	2800	1	800
Council Bluffs.....			2 10		122 00	28 00		1	2200	1	1000
Sandy Point and Pisgah.....			4 00		40 00	22 00		1	200		
BOONE DISTRICT											
Boone and Ogden.....		1 55	20 00	1 40	528 00	52 30	5 00	3	2600	1	800
Polk City and Bethany.....			15 91	1 40	435 00	51 18		2	2000	1	600
Bear Grove and Coon Rapids.....	55		20 61	1 60	425 00	65 58	48 45	4	3200	2	1400
Churdan and Paton.....			7 89	60	325 00	31 37	10 22	1	800	1	600
Scranton and Hobbs' schoolhouse.....					286 15	26 00	25 37	1	800	1	600
SIOUX CITY DISTRICT											
Danbury, Ida Grove and Onawa.....			15 00	1 50	413 72	72 92	47 39	2	1700	2	1100
Correctionville and Kingsley.....	1 00	2 02	33 94		517 98	82 80	76 50	2	2000	1	700
Merrill and LeMars.....			8 44	60	461 01	43 88	39 62	1	800	1	700
SAC CITY DISTRICT											
Sac City, Early and Jolley.....			23 67	1 95	410 00	78 92	10 07	3	1800	2	1000
Flover and Ware.....			11 00	1 60	321 25	63 11	62 00	1	1000		
Collected at conference.....				5 00							
Total.....	\$ 2 25	\$ 7 79	\$ 346 60	\$ 29 00	\$ 7023 19	\$ 1123 76	\$ 537 50	35	\$ 33350	22	\$ 16200

Tracts: Council Bluffs, 30 cents.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT SPRING
ARBOR, MICHIGAN, AUGUST 17-20, 1904

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President.*

A. BRADFELD, *Secretary.*

F. L. BAKER, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. C. MUFFITT, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, L. H. Mulholland, W. C. Muffitt, G. H. Peters.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. D. Paige.

On Education—L. H. Mulholland, F. P. Russell, A. W. Dawson, D. S. Warner.

On Publications—D. S. Warner, J. Baker, E. L. Chase.

On Sabbath-schools—P. E. Vincent, E. J. Manning, Lettie Drake, L. N. Cottrell.

On Temperance—J. Craig, F. P. Russell, M. U. Gage, Kate Martin.

On Secret Societies—W. C. Muffitt, J. N. Boyer, William Hall.

On Quarterly Conference Records—G. Laubach, C. W. Lyman.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. Laubach, time expires 1907; P. E. Vincent, time expires 1906; W. C. Muffitt, time expires 1905.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. Bradfield, chairman; P. E. Vincent, secretary; L. H. Mulholland, treasurer;
A. Schroy, A. W. Dawson.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—George Laubach.

On Publications—D. J. Van Antwerp.

On Sunday-schools—R. L. Scamehorn.

On Reforms—J. Baker.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. W. C. Muffitt, Spring Arbor, Michigan; first vice president, Mrs. D. J. Van Antwerp, Battle Creek, Michigan; second vice president, Mrs. G. A. Olmstead, Spring Arbor, Michigan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. B. Holden, Quincy, Michigan, R. F. D.; recording secretary, Mrs. J. Belle Champion, 3 Waterbury block, Kalamazoo, Michigan; treasurer, Kate Martin, Ida, Michigan.

OFFICERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

P. E. Vincent, president; G. W. C. Smith, secretary; L. H. Mulholland, treasurer.

MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

L. H. Mulholland, W. C. Muffitt, G. W. C. Smith, C. H. Jerome, F. P. Russell, W. S. Mulholland, G. H. Peters, D. J. Van Antwerp, P. E. Vincent, B. R. Jones, H. D. F. Gaffin, L. N. Cottrell, C. W. Lyman, I. Mudge.

CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Total amount for all collections, one dollar per member to be collected quarterly by the preachers in charge of circuits and sent to Rev. W. C. Muffitt, treasurer, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

H. Sawyer,	A. Bradfield,	P. E. Vincent,	G. W. C. Smith,
B. R. Jones,	F. P. Russell,	L. H. Mulholland,	J. Baker,
R. L. Scamehorn,	C. W. Miller,	C. D. Paige,	G. H. Peters,
F. L. Baker,	I. L. King,	J. N. Boyer,	W. S. Mulholland,
C. H. Jerome,	G. Laubach,	J. Craig,	W. C. Muffitt,
D. J. Van Antwerp,	D. S. Warner,	A. T. Shumway,	L. N. Cottrell,
J. R. Poet,	C. W. Lyman,	A. V. Leonardson,	William Rennie.

DELEGATES

A. W. Dawson,	W. Warboys,	T. M. Troomley,	E. J. Manning,
J. Knecht,	W. Hall,	A. Day,	M. N. Gage,
L. E. Chase,	A. Schroy,	Lettie Drake,	B. Reppert,
J. Eisenmann,	Kate Martin,	W. A. Hennessey,	J. Collins,
R. Snidan,	J. M. Sidwell,	Emma Young,	W. W. Clark.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, L. H. Mulholland, W. C. Muffitt, A. W. Dawson, A. Schroy.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Albert E. Day.

4. Who remain on trial? James G. Fortress.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? S. Burton Smith.

6. Who are the deacons? S. B. Smith, D. J. Van Antwerp, A. T. Shumway, J. R. Poet, *Bernard Boone.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? F. P. Russell.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? H. Sawyer, A. Bradfield, G. W. C. Smith, A. V. Leonardson, C. H. Jerome.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? A. V. Leonardson, from the Ohio conference; C. W. Lyman, from the Illinois conference; William Rennie, from the East Michigan conference.

12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? James Craig.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? H. Sawyer, \$110; A. Bradfield, \$150; G. W. C. Smith, \$100; A. V. Leonardson, \$150; Sarah J. Tiffany, \$25.

22. None.

23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Kalamazoo, Michigan, on the last Wednesday in August, 1905, if agreeable to the plan of the general superintendents.

*Local deacon.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fortieth session of the Michigan conference was held in the seminary chapel at Spring Arbor, Jackson county, Michigan, August 17-20, 1904.

Five sittings were held. The conference was favored with the presence of the following ministers from other conferences: Elders W. Rennie, W. J. Jackson and J. W. Currier of the East Michigan; A. V. Leonardson and G. A. Olmstead of the Ohio; B. J. Vincent of the Wisconsin; M. S. Benn of the West Ontario; H. D. F. Gaffin of the North Michigan; E. Leonardson of the Southern California.

The amount of \$1015 was raised in cash and subscriptions on the Sabbath for the new school building in Spring Arbor; also \$9.25 for foreign missions and \$17.23 for G. H. Peters, the resident pastor. The conference collection for the secretaries was \$11.44.

Elder D. S. Warner was elected president *pro tem*, and presided at the first sitting of the conference. The district elders were stationed by a vote of the conference.

The stationing committee recommended that the General Missionary Board be asked to appropriate \$50 to the Sherwood and Colon circuit, and \$25 to the Hudson circuit. The conference approved such action.

The president reported that Elder W. B. Olmstead had been transferred to the Ohio conference.

APPOINTMENTS

SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT—W. C. MUFFITT, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

Spring Arbor and Parma.....	D. S. Warner, Spring Arbor, Michigan
Jackson.....	P. E. Vincent, 307 East Wilkins street, Jackson, "
Hudson.....	J. R. Poet, Hudson, "
Eckford.....	To be supplied

B. R. Jones, general superintendent, 918 Frances street, Jackson, Michigan; A. V. Leonardson, superannuated, Owosso, Michigan.

DETROIT DISTRICT—W. C. MUFFITT, District Elder.

Detroit and Delray.....	J. Baker, 681 Twombly avenue, Detroit, Michigan
New Boston, Texas and Sand Hill.....	J. N. Boyer, R. F. D. No. 1, New Boston, "
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter.....	J. Fortress, Waltz, "
Milan and Oakville.....	R. L. Scamehorn, Milan, "
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford.....	W. S. Mulholland, Temperance, "
Blissfield, Town Line, Prairie and Petersburg.....	J. Linn, Deerfield, "
Ridgeway, Holloway and Wellsville.....	S. B. Smith, Britton, "
Adrian and Madison.....	G. Laubach, 120 Frank street, Adrian, "
Jasper and Reed schoolhouse.....	A. Day, Jasper, "

H. Sawyer, superannuated, R. F. D. No. 4, Milan, Michigan; C. H. Jerome, superannuated without claim.

COLDWATER DISTRICT—L. H. MULHOLLAND, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

Coldwater, South Quincy, {	{ L. N. Cottrell, Coldwater, R. F. D. No. 5, Michigan
Bethel and Algansee {	{ J. Will, supply
Hillsdale.....	C. D. Paige, Hillsdale, "
Frontier and Ransom.....	G. H. Peters, Frontier, "
Sherwood, Athens, Colon and Union City.....	O. W. Miller, Sherwood, "

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—L. H. MULHOLLAND, District Elder.

Kalamazoo.....	F. L. Baker, 825 First street, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Battle Creek.....	D. J. Van Antwerp, Battle Creek, "
South Haven.....	C. W. Lyman, South Haven, "
Lawrence, Hartford, Keeler and Decatur.....	A. T. Shumway, Lawrence, "
Watervliet, Fish schoolhouse and Hagar.....	W. Rennie, Coloma, "
Bainbridge and Pipestone.....	J. Sumrill, supply, Keeler, "
Benton Harbor and Royalton.....	To be supplied

A. Bradfield, G. W. C. Smith, superannuated, Decatur, Michigan; F. P. Russell, superannuated, South Haven, Michigan; I. L. King, left without appointment, Decatur, Michigan.

EVANGELISTS

Mary Osmun, annual conference evangelist.....Pontiac, Michigan
Josephine Holden, annual conference evangelist.....Quincy, "
Mrs. Ada Van Antwerp, quarterly conference evangelist.....Battle Creek, "
Mrs. Marion Rennie, annual conference evangelist.....Coloma, "

LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

Benjamin Mark.....Decatur, Michigan	James Linn.....Deerfield, Michigan
Lewis E. Chase.....Jackson, "	L. L. Warner.....Adrian, "
William McKay.....Spring Arbor, "	A. L. Dewey.....Addison, "
G. H. Thompson.....Blissfield, "	Goldsmith Dean....."
J. Sumrill.....Keeler, "	Barnard Boone.....Sumpter, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Amount paid, \$137.85.

Disbursed by treasurer before conference session, \$60.10; appropriated to J. N. Boyer, \$15; W. Rennie, \$15; W. S. Mulholland, \$15; A. T. Shumway, \$12; F. L. Baker, \$5.75. Total \$137.85.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$137.85.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$91.90.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$303.27.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$165.42.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Amount paid, \$153.05.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES.—\$25.55.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—\$10.71.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—\$9.99.

PERMANENT CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—\$45.95.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Detroit district, \$198.36; Spring Arbor district, \$35.62; Kalamazoo district, \$30.29; Coldwater district, \$2; Clara Leffingwell, \$25. Total, \$291.27.

II.—ON TEMPERANCE.

The traffic in intoxicating liquors is a gigantic and unmitigated evil, and as such it becomes our imperative duty to do all we can in every legitimate way to antagonize, overthrow and exterminate it. But while we hate the infernal traffic, we must as Christians love the poor dupes who engage in or patronize this body-destroying and soul-damning business. We should wage an aggressive warfare against this, as well as every other evil in perfect accord with Christian principles and a Christlike spirit.

As sovereign citizens of this great commonwealth it is within our jurisdiction to suppress this crime against humanity. There are two things requisite to bring about this desired result. First, the enactment of prohibitive laws. Second, the enforcement of these laws. All this can be brought about speedily when public sentiment demands it. Necessary information, continued agitation, and compact organization will, with the blessing of God, create an intelligent public moral sentiment, that shall, we hope, force this issue to the desired consummation. This great enemy of mankind is strongly entrenched in church, state and society, and it will require the exercise of our political prerogatives, the energy of our moral might and the spirit of sacrifice to dislodge and rout him. We must never compromise with this inveterate foe of all that is good by granting him either high or low license, but demand an unconditional surrender as the only terms of peace.

III.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

We are living in an age of religious shams and industrial disturbances, much, if not most of which can be attributed to the world-wide system of organized secrecy. While Masonry stands at the head, as being the most anti-Christian, Christ-ignoring of all, yet we believe the Maccabees, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and a legion of others are sapping the remaining little vitality and power out of the so-called church of Jesus Christ.

Let us remember the vows we made when we united with the Free Methodist church,

one of which was, that we would abstain from connection with all secret societies, keeping ourselves free to follow the will of the Lord in all things.

Our book of discipline defines a secret society as one requiring an oath-affirmation or pledge of secrecy.

Our only danger, as a church, seems to be with the labor unions, and we wish to voice our position regarding these as found in the report of the general conference committee on secret societies, which is as follows:

"We, as a church are in hearty sympathy with the laboring man in his struggles with greedy capital, and capitalistic trusts, to secure his share of the profits accruing from his labor, and extend him our hearty sympathy and God-speed, but deprecate and deplore the un-American and despotic methods resorted to and employed by many labor unions in strikes and lockouts; and we are more and more persuaded that secret orders are detrimental to the true and lasting interests of the working man."

Also the decision of the executive committee of 1900 in which they said: "We reaffirm our position regarding secret societies as expressed in our Discipline, and affirmed by this committee in 1899. We are unequivocally opposed to all secret societies and cannot make any change in our rules on this subject; nor can we relax, in the least, our determination to vigorously enforce this rule without exception or favor."

We wish to take a decided stand regarding this branch of secrecy, believing it has been the cause of more loss of life, property and sacrifice of labor than all other secret societies combined. We know "The wicked plotteth against the just" but we also believe the scripture which says, "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed."

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

An education that comprises the betterment of our youth in body, mind and heart is the highest type. This is the distinctive work of our schools. The cause of Christian education is beginning to awaken its proper measure of interest among us. We are beginning to realize the great value of our own denominational schools. One evidence of this educational revival is the fact that nearly all our schools are planning for enlargement.

Spring Arbor Seminary is enjoying its share of the general prosperity. Although its capacity has been enlarged within the last two years by additions to the boarding hall and the completion of the third story of the seminary building for boys' dormitory at considerable cost, it was promptly filled, and now again it is overcrowded, so that the board of trustees has decided to erect a new building, the foundation of which has already been laid.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The amount of literature being given to the world was never as great as it is to-day. Every movement and interest has its literature to spread its principles and promote its claims. The amount of bad literature is correspondingly great. There is literature that is positively vile; there is literature that tends to produce indifference with regard to experimental religion; there is literature that leads to skepticism and atheism. It requires careful discrimination to determine what literature should be read or placed before our children. We are glad that we have a publishing house which is giving us some of the best literature the world has ever had. In the *Free Methodist*, the official organ of the church, we recognize a periodical that is cleanest and strong in its advocacy of the doctrines and issues of the church, and in the presentation of experimental and spiritual religion. The Sunday-school literature is exceptionally good, and we rejoice that it is now wholly under the control of the church. We recognize the good work being done by the *Missionary Tidings* and bespeak for it a wider circulation. The new song book, *Light and Life Songs*, ordered by general conference has appeared and we are glad to mention the excellence of the songs, and are glad that we now have a book for use in our Sabbath schools which we can endorse.

Our publishing house is doing excellent work in supplying the church with good literature. The books offered are such as tend to bring light and spiritual power to those who read them. We are to be a holy people, and we should also be an enlightened people. We should urge those among whom we labor to read the books and papers put forth by our publishing house. There should be an increased circulation of the *Free Methodist* among us. Let us urge our people on all our circuits to subscribe for it and read it. We also mention favorably the *Spring Arbor Chronicle*, the organ of our school interests, and commend that efforts be put forth to increase its circulation.

VI.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It has been truthfully said that "the Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church," and if in any way the interest of the church in this department be neglected we suffer in proportion to the neglect. To us is committed the training of youthful minds, and by precept and example we may impress for weal or woe. Our want of interest in this department of the work of the Lord is a matter of regret, but the past few years has brought about a

marked change in this respect both in attendance and facilities for conducting Sabbath-schools. There is a depth of meaning in the saying, "As the twig is bent the tree's inclined." Our most prosperous fields of labor show large and prosperous Sabbath-schools, and a deep interest on the part of older members of the church in this branch of the work of God.

The Free Methodist church has wisely provided for our Sabbath-schools in publishing our own literature—the cleanest and best on the market at the present time. We would urge our preachers and people to arouse to the importance of gathering the children into the Sabbath-schools at an early age in life. They will soon be grown out of our reach and be where other influences will draw and impress them, and we should be careful to instill principles of righteousness and truth in their infant minds. Can we conceive of any better way of doing this than by the study of the word of God and the placing around them Christian influences?

The work is of vast importance and no one should despise the day of small things; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we will do all in our power to advance the interest of the Sabbath-school. 2. That we will urge upon our people the necessity of using our own literature, and introduce wherever practicable the Home Department work among us. 3. We will try to give more attention and manifest a greater interest in our Sabbath-school work than in the past.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

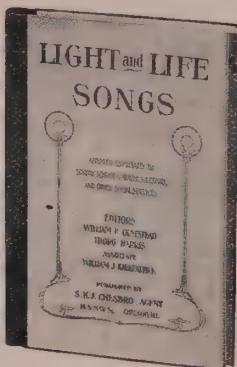
CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT											
Spring Arbor and Parma	\$ 1 13	\$ 1 00	\$ 53 87	\$ 4 58	\$ 415 67	\$ 81 90	.....	1	\$ 200	.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....	.....	31 80	1 24	547 80	37 65	.....	1	2000	.....	1500
Hudson and Woodstock .....	.....	.....	10 00	8	261 77	27 48	\$ 4 40	1	600	1	600
DETROIT DISTRICT											
Detroit and Delray .....	.....	.....	60 93	3 80	1150 69	66 46	25 00	1	4000	1	2500
New Boston, Texas and Sandhill.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 10	272 35	35 81	.....	2	1750	1	400
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter.....	2 67	.....	16 00	2 00	250 00	26 35	.....	2	900	1	300
Milan and Oakville.....	.....	.....	42 60	4 15	445 79	55 30	.....	3	2500	1	1000
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford.....	5 00	1 46	44 74	1 70	288 75	56 73	10 25	3	2500	1	300
Blissfield, Town Line, Prairie and Petersburg.....	.....	.....	.....	1 35	436 15	31 18	.....	4	3000	1	750
Ridgeway, Holloway and Wellsville.....	.....	.....	25 00	1 75	304 50	72 00	18 00	3	2800	1	600
Adrian and Madison.....	.....	.....	25 00	3 20	650 00	67 22	.....	2	800	1	1500
Jasper and Deming's Lake.....	.....	.....	10 32	1 00	258 76	29 50	.....	1	800	1	800
COLDWATER DISTRICT											
South Quincy, Coldwater, Bethel and Algonsee.....	.....	.....	56 40	3 50	400 92	82 12	.....	4	3150	1	500
Hillsdale.....	.....	.....	26 00	1 15	218 60	33 11	.....	1	1500	.....	.....
Frontier and Ransom.....	2 20	.....	20 00	2 20	375 00	52 02	35 00	2	2000	1	1000
Sherwood, Colon, Athens and Union City.....	.....	.....	20 00	2 45	361 00	40 60	.....	2	1200	1	600
Battle Creek.....	.....	.....	15 10	70	485 69	68 42	12 64	.....	.....	.....	.....
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT											
Kalamazoo	2 33	2 87	56 20	2 00	462 66	46 91	.....	1	2200	1	800
South Haven and Covert.....	.....	.....	16 00	1 85	259 47	37 75	.....	1	1200	1	1200
Lawrence, Hartford and Keeler.....	1 00	1 00	16 00	1 65	344 22	40 00	.....	3	2200	1	700
Decatur.....	.....	.....	.....	75	92 78	11 84	.....	1	1000	.....	.....
Watervliet, Fish S. H. and Hagar.....	.....	.....	24 35	2 25	317 24	70 40	19 41	2	1800	1	900
Bainbridge, Pipestone, Royalty and Benton Harbor.....				1 05		27 46		3	1700		
Total.....	\$10 71	\$ 9 99	\$ 574 31	\$45 95	\$8628 84	\$1093 21	\$ 125 70	44	\$ 40800	18	\$15930

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ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 6-10, 1904

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

James Sprague,	J. D. Marsh,	J. D. Kelsey,	W. P. Ferries,
F. D. Brooke,	P. W. Newcomer,	W. M. Kelsey,	J. T. Taylor,
H. O. Hubbard,	John Harvey,	F. M. Fish,	J. H. Wiertendyke,
A. W. Parry,	B. D. Fay,	J. G. Rockenbach,	D. W. Rose,
E. G. Oryer,	M. L. Johnson,	J. F. Hill,	G. H. Behner,
Henry Lenz,	F. M. Campbell,	W. J. Bone,	D. M. Smashey,
W. C. Willing,	W. S. Scaif,	R. G. Wilkin,	George Bradfield,
T. C. Wendell,	J. T. Merry,	C. M. Stirdivant,	E. A. Tapper.

DELEGATES

Thomas Heavisides,	William Hanks,	Henry Everett,	Jennie Wendell,
Nora Chambers,	Frank W. Oalkins,	Virginia E. Gates,	Barbara M. Graybill,
R. B. McKee,	Francis Black,	William Harper,	T. B. Arnold,
Martha A. Grennon,	J. H. Porter,	William Masters,	W. J. Jackson,
George Krieg,	Nellie L. Kelsey,	Frank J. Oline,	Maria Rose,
Solomon Sunday,	Cyrus E. Gilbert,	Albert Wright,	Olara Burdick,
May Kiltz,	Eva Allen,	Milton Pierson,	Joel Cronk,
Anna R. Mills,	May Allen.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Burton R. Jones, H. O. Hubbard, B. D. Fay, W. J. Bone, J. H. Porter, R. B. McKee, William Masters.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? D. W. Finch.
4. Who remain on trial? Joseph W. Hill.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. M. Stirdivant, E. A. Tapper.
6. Who are the deacons? C. M. Stirdivant, E. A. Tapper, of the first class; George Bradfield, T. C. Wendell, J. T. Merry, of the second class.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? R. G. Wilkin.
8. Who have located this year? W. C. McNeil.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. S. Scalf.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? F. M. Fish, A. W. Parry.
- 11, 12, 13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? J. H. Polley.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. W. Parry, \$80; Mrs. Peter Zeller, \$100; Mrs. Lewis Bailey, \$25.
- 22, 23. See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Peoria, Illinois, as near the first Tuesday in September, 1905, as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS

For the first time in the history of the conference we met at Evanston, the beautiful resident suburb of Chicago, with Pastor J. D. Marsh as host. Evanston circuit first appears on the conference roll in 1881. The work was raised up by that heroic band, "Hanmer, Hanna and Kelsey," assisted by other workers, among whom were Sisters Lizzie Bardell and Belle Christie, who now are the helpmeets of two of the leading ministers of our conference. The first regularly appointed pastor was Rev. C. B. Ebey, in 1882. Brother Ebey, who is now the editor of the *Free Methodist*, accompanied by Sister Ebey, was a most welcome visitor at this session. He was a former district elder, and served for two terms as secretary of the conference. Rev. J. T. Logan, the genial office editor of the *Free Methodist*, and Rev. William Pearce of the Oregon conference, were introduced. These brethren preached able sermons during the session of conference.

Here is a bit of history regarding the Illinois conference, that may be interesting to some: The list of lay delegates to the first conference is as follows: J. M. Laughlin, John Murdock, Benjamin Hackney, H. F. Hodges, J. M. White, O. Joslin, William Wright, David Cooper, Cyrus H. Underwood, John B. Wilson, Melville Beach, Thomas Kenyon, Elihu Merriman, Charles L. Stowe. At least one of these is living to-day—Osgood Joslin.

The ministers who were recognized as traveling preachers, and members of the first Illinois conference are as follows: Joseph Travis, Aaron Burdick, R. M. Hooker, Patrick Armstrong, J. G. Terrill, D. F. Shepardson, C. E. Harroun, I. H. Fairchilds, W. D. Bishop, Erastus G. Ribble, E. P. Hart, C. R. Townsend. At least three of these men of God are alive—Harroun, Bishop and Hart, but none is a member of the Illinois conference.

J. W. Redfield, T. S. LaDue, James Mathews and Juda Mead were received into full connection, and J. W. Dake, C. H. Underwood, John Collier, John Oleson, Casper Youngs, E. Cook and G. P. Bassett were received on trial at the first session of the Illinois conference. The first stationing committee of the conference was composed of J. W. Redfield, C. E. Harroun, D. F. Shepardson, Benjamin Hackney, William Wright and Osgood Joslin.

The conference collections for 1904-05 were ordered to be taken during the year as follows: Home Missions (22 cents), October; General Missions (15 cents), January; Church Extension, March; Evansville Seminary (15 cents), April; Conference Claimants' (including five cents for Permanent Fund), June; General Superintendents', August.

The Home Mission Fund was appropriated as follows: District elder of Peoria and Kewanee districts, \$50; district elder of Elgin district, \$50; Belvidere circuit, \$30; Cary and Algonquin circuit, \$20; Deer Creek circuit, \$50. Total, \$200.

The following collections were taken during the conference: For publishing the minutes, \$26.20; free-will offering to George Bradfield, \$62.38; for Chicago Industrial Home for Children, \$107.55; W. F. M. Society, \$100; for A. W. Parry, \$100; for the resident pastor, \$20.24.

APPOINTMENTS

CHICAGO DISTRICT—H. O. HUBBARD, District Elder, 357 South Hoyne avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago, First church.....	To be supplied
“ Second church.....	Henry Lenz, 48 Lexington street, Chicago, Illinois
“ Dearborn St. and So. Chicago.....	W. J. Bone, 5253 Dearborn St., Chicago, “
“ Humboldt Park.....	G. H. Behner, 981 North California avenue, Chicago, “
Evanston.....	J. D. Marsh, 1814 Ridge avenue, Evanston, “
Aurora.....	P. W. Newcomer, 105 South Lincoln avenue, Aurora, “
Harvey and South Englewood.....	James Sprague, 15215 Center avenue, Harvey, “
Crawford.....	To be supplied
Melrose Park.....	J. G. Rockenbach, Melrose Park, “
Glen Ellyn.....	T. B. Arnold, Tressa Arnold, supplies, Glen Ellyn, “
St. Charles.....	F. M. Cambell, St. Charles, “
J. T. Taylor, missionary to India.	

ELGIN DISTRICT—F. D. BROOKE, District Elder.

Elgin and South Elgin.....	W. M. Kelsey, 63 Villa street, Elgin, Illinois
Freeport and Hart schoolhouse.....	W. P. Ferries, 24 American street, Freeport, “
Winnebago, Ridott and Rockford.....	James Harvey, supply; one to be supplied
Belvidere and Marengo.....	George Bradfield, 423 North Main street, Belvidere, “
Woodstock.....	D. W. Finch
Cary and Algonquin.....	Joseph W. Hill, Sadie Hill, supply
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley.....	J. T. Merry, Nunda, “
Sycamore and South Burlington.....	D. M. Smashey, Mrs. Belle Smashey, supply
Franklin Grove and Ashton.....	Bertha Ruback, supply
Dustin.....	To be supplied
Franklin.....	To be supplied
J. D. Kelsey, manager Chicago Industrial Home, Woodstock, Illinois; J. H. Woertendyke, evangelist; F. M. Fish, superannuated without claim; W. S. Scalf, supernumerary.	

PEORIA DISTRICT—B. D. FAY, District Elder.

Peoria and Limestone.....	W. C. Willing, 604 Windom street, Peoria, Illinois
East Peoria.....	A. L. Wright, supply
Pekin.....	C. M. Stirdivant
Deer Creek.....	M. L. Johnson
Bethel.....	To be supplied
Fairbury.....	J. F. Hill
Streator.....	May E. Fay, supply
Morris and Mazon.....	D. W. Rose, Morris, Illinois
Kempton.....	E. G. Oryer
The quarterly conference relation of B. D. Fay was fixed on Peoria district.	

KEWANEE DISTRICT—B. D. FAY, District Elder.

Kewanee, Saxon and Galva.....	John Harvey, 106 East First street, Kewanee, Illinois
Sheffield and Atkinson.....	R. G. Wilkin, Sheffield, “
New Bedford and Princeton.....	E. A. Tapper
Sherrard.....	G. C. Mills, supply
T. C. Wendell, teacher at Los Angeles Seminary, California; A. W. Parry, superannuated; W. C. McNeil, granted certificate of location with membership at Kewanee.	

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Belle Smashey,	Mrs. Lizzie Brooke,	Mrs. Maria Rose,	Mrs. Lizzie H. Hartley,
Clara Burdick,	Bertha Rubeck,	Mrs. Ella Wendell,	Mrs. Minnie E. Bardell,
Mrs. Jennie Wessels,	Mrs. Eva R. Willing,	Mrs. Della D. Bone,	Mrs. Emma H. Behner,
Mrs. May Fay,	Mrs. Virginia Gates,	Mrs. Georgia Merry,	Mrs. Tressa R. Arnold,
Sarah A. Cooke,	Sadie Cryer Hill.		

LOCAL ELDERS

William Morrison.....	St. Charles, Illinois	J. A. Murray, 1906 Asbury avenue, Evanston,
T. B. Arnold.....	Glen Ellyn, "	Illinois.
J. H. Keyte.....	Woodstock, "	W. R. Sansom..... Woodstock, Illinois
W. E. Bardell.....	Marengo, "	W. C. McNeil..... Kewanee, "

LOCAL DEACONS

G. C. Mills.....	Sherrard, Illinois
John M. Woodard.....	Winnebago, "

ADDRESSES

Henry Lenz, secretary.....	48 Lexington street, Chicago, Illinois
W. P. Ferries, treasurer.....	24 American street, Freeport, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

HOME MISSIONS.—Total amount received from all sources, \$754.07.

Disbursements: Princeton circuit, per W. P. Laswell, \$30; Winnebago circuit, per D. W. Finch, \$30; Deer Creek circuit, per M. L. Johnson, \$30; Crawford circuit, per F. M. Campbell, \$50; Elgin district, per B. D. Fay, \$50; Peoria district, per W. J. Bone, \$25; new treasurer's book, \$10; receipt and notification cards, \$6.75; postage, exchange, express, etc., \$4.09; to Galva church, \$218; to note, due November 14, 1904, \$200; S. K. J. Chesbro, \$64.20; W. P. Ferries for service, \$10; J. H. Woertendyke (refund), \$50. Total, \$753.04. Balance on hand, \$1.03.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.—Assessed and paid, \$330.33.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS'.—Assessment, \$180.18.

Receipts, \$165.55; deficit, \$14.63. Total, \$180.18.

PERMANENT CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessment, \$50.05.

Receipts, \$50.91; overpaid, \$.86.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$150.15.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessment, \$100.10.

Receipts, \$92.60; deficit, \$7.50. Total, \$100.10.

Total deficit in all general funds, \$22.13.

W. P. FERRIES, Treasurer.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

For the last time, the secretary of the conference has called the name of Rev. John H. Polley, who for thirteen years was identified with us in earnest and faithful work for the advancement of truth. On January 26, 1904, at 9 p. m., he, his wife, and only daughter were taken from the crosses, toils and trials of earth to the crown, rest and triumphs of paradise. His death was a most tragic one. While driving across the railroad track at Cary, Illinois, the locomotive attached to the fast express, struck the vehicle in which he, his wife, daughter, two sons and hired man were riding homeward. Sister Polley, daughter and hired man were killed instantly, and our beloved brother died shortly afterward. In a few days the boy who was injured died in the hospital. At the funeral held in Wheaton, Illinois, the three caskets were placed side by side. Eighteen Free Methodist pastors sat on the platform during the service, and carried the remains of these precious ones to their burial. The scene was pathetic and impressive. Just before the accident occurred Brother and Sister Polley had exhorted earnestly and testified clearly at the revival service held at the Cary Free Methodist church.

As a member of this conference, Brother Polley was a faithful and true minister of

Jesus Christ and of His body which is His church. John H. Polley was received on trial in the Illinois conference in 1890, in full connection in 1893, and ordained elder in 1895. With great acceptability he served the following circuits: Deer Creek and Centennial, 1890-91; Deer Creek and Kansas Town Hall, 1891-92; Mazon and Ransom, 1892-93; Ransom, Gardner and Streator, 1893-94; Franklin and Dustin, 1894-95; Kempton and Gardner, 1895-96; South Elgin, 1896-97; Franklin Grove and Ashton, 1897-98; Sycamore and South Burlington, 1898-1900; New Bedford and Leon, 1900-01; Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley, 1901-03. At our last session, because of ill health, he with much regret asked for a superannuated relation hoping to enter the ranks again as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

His work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope continued to burn with unfailing devotion. Our yoke-fellow in the gospel was a genuine Christiana, a good, loyal Free Methodist preacher, a sanctified minister, and in all the relations of life was an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE RECORD.

Session	Place		Time		President	Secretary
1	Wayne,	Illinois	June	14, 1861	B. T. Roberts	E. P. Hart
2	Clintonville,	"	October	1, 1861	B. T. Roberts	E. P. Hart
3	Marengo,	"	October	2, 1862	B. T. Roberts	E. P. Hart
4	Aurora,	"	October	21, 1863	B. T. Roberts	E. P. Hart
5	Saint Charles,	"	September	22, 1864	B. T. Roberts	E. P. Hart
6	Marengo,	"	September	13, 1865	B. T. Roberts	E. P. Hart
7	Aurora,	"	September	20, 1866	B. T. Roberts	T. S. La Due
8	Elgin,	"	September	18, 1867	B. T. Roberts	T. S. La Due
9	Galva,	"	September	16, 1868	B. T. Roberts	J. G. Terrill
10	Amboy,	"	October	12, 1869	B. T. Roberts	J. G. Terrill
11	Whitewater,	Wisconsin	October	5, 1870	B. T. Roberts	J. G. Terrill
12	Galva,	Illinois	October	5, 1871	B. T. Roberts	W. W. Kelley
13	Crystal Lake,	"	October	2, 1872	B. T. Roberts	W. W. Kelley
14	Winnebago,	"	October	1, 1873	B. T. Roberts	J. G. Terrill
15	Marengo,	"	September	30, 1874	B. T. Roberts	J. G. Terrill
16	Saint Charles,	"	October	13, 1875	E. P. Hart	J. G. Terrill
17	Aurora,	"	October	11, 1876	B. T. Roberts	J. G. Terrill
18	Clintonville,	"	October	3, 1877	B. T. Roberts	J. G. Terrill
19	Crystal Lake,	"	October	2, 1878	E. P. Hart	J. G. Terrill
20	Chicago, Fulton Street		October	1, 1879	B. T. Roberts	J. G. Terrill
21	Freeport,	Illinois	October	6, 1880	E. P. Hart	J. G. Terrill
22	Elgin,	"	October	5, 1881	B. T. Roberts	J. G. Terrill
23	Saint Charles,	"	September	27, 1882	E. P. Hart	J. G. Terrill
24	Aurora,	"	October	3, 1883	B. T. Roberts	E. C. Best
25	Sycamore,	"	October	8, 1884	B. T. Roberts	E. C. Best
26	Chicago, Dearborn Street		October	7, 1885	E. P. Hart	W. F. Manley
27	Sheffield,	Illinois	October	6, 1886	B. T. Roberts	C. B. Ebey
28	Crystal Lake,	"	September	21, 1887	E. P. Hart	C. B. Ebey
29	Elgin,	"	September	18, 1888	G. W. Coleman	C. S. Gitchell
30	Saint Charles,	"	September	10, 1889	B. T. Roberts	C. S. Gitchell
31	Fairbury,	"	September	9, 1890	E. P. Hart	C. S. Gitchell
32	Morris,	"	September	15, 1891	G. W. Coleman	C. S. Gitchell
33	Elgin,	"	October	4, 1892	B. T. Roberts	J. D. Marsh
34	Aurora,	"	September	26, 1893	E. P. Hart	J. D. Marsh
35	Peoria,	"	September	11, 1894	G. W. Coleman	J. D. Marsh
36	Saint Charles,	"	September	24, 1895	B. R. Jones	J. T. Taylor
37	Morris,	"	September	29, 1896	E. P. Hart	A. W. Parry
38	Freeport,	"	September	21, 1897	G. W. Coleman	A. W. Parry
39	Kewanee,	"	September	20, 1898	B. R. Jones	A. W. Parry
40	Belvidere,	"	September	19, 1899	E. P. Hart	J. T. Taylor
41	Fairbury,	"	September	18, 1900	G. W. Coleman	J. T. Taylor
42	Elgin,	"	September	24, 1901	W. A. Sellow	Henry Lenz
43	Saint Charles,	"	September	23, 1902	B. R. Jones	Henry Lenz
44	Chicago, Second Church		September	1, 1903	W. A. Sellow	Henry Lenz
45	Evanston,	Illinois	September	6, 1904	B. R. Jones	Henry Lenz

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Olive Branch Mission, so well known to us, is within the bounds of our conference; and

WHEREAS, We are in perfect harmony with the work carried on in this mission; therefore,

Resolved, First: That this conference indorse the mission and request our pastors to assist this work on their respective circuits; and

Resolved, Second: That this resolution be inserted in our published minutes.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CHICAGO DISTRICT											
Chicago, First Church.....	\$ 1 00		\$ 50 62		\$ 352 19	\$ 54 00	\$ 10 48	1	4000		1500
" Second Church.....		\$ 7 89	161 09	\$ 3 65	810 94	146 00	19 75	1	6000	1	2000
" Dearborn Street and South Chicago.....			93 46	3 20	793 88	128 00		2	6500	1	1500
" Humboldt Park.....			112 22	2 95	641 00	118 00		1	4000	1	3000
Evanston.....			96 00	2 50	816 00	100 15		1	10000	1	3000
Aurora.....			28 24	1 30	688 90	52 00	29 00	1	5000	1	2000
Harvey and South Englewood.....			40 97	1 95	506 00	78 00		1	2000	1	1400
Crawford.....			10 00		208 00	22 00		1	3000		
Melrose Park.....	1 00	1 76	80 02	1 00	465 00	40 00		1	3000	1	2000
Glen Ellyn.....			15 81	55	284 00	22 00		1	2000	1	2500
St. Charles.....	5 00	2 50	100 76	1 70	519 00	72 00		1	3000	1	2000
ELGIN DISTRICT											
Elgin and South Elgin.....		29 18		2 15	675 00	87 21		2	5800	2	2800
Freeport and Hart schoolhouse.....		1 65	26 29	1 70	547 88	70 88	61 50	1	1500	1	1700
Winnebago and Ridott.....			23 04		450 50	74 50		2	2800		
Belvidere and Rockford.....			32 00		325 00	75 00		1	2000	1	1000
Marengo.....			10 00	60	193 75	28 24	10 00	1	1500	1	1500
Woodstock.....	13 05		27 10	1 55	487 00	68 44		1	4000	1	2300
Cary and Algonquin.....			15 52	80	520 00	35 50	22 45	2	2400	1	1000
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley.....			23 98	1 50	480 00	62 00	25 00	2	2000	1	1200
Sycamore and South Burlington.....			29 50	97	600 00	54 00		2	3100	1	1400
Franklin Grove and Ashton.....				50	50 00	22 00	100 00	2	2000	1	1000
Dustin.....				40		22 00		1	1000		
Franklin.....											
PEORIA DISTRICT											
Peoria and Limestone.....			62 11	2 45	790 00	108 00		2	5000	1	2500
East Peoria and Pekin.....			33 08		500 40	59 40	30 00	2	3000	1	1000
Deer Creek and Bethel.....			22 09	85	256 67	43 40		2	700	1	300
Fairbury.....			32 00		325 00	75 00		1	2000	1	1000
Streator.....	2 00		38 00	1 70	497 00	74 80		1	2500	1	1500
Deer Park, Alabama.....											
Morris and Mazon.....			46 53	1 35	404 82	50 40	70 00	2	4200	2	2500
Kempton.....			35 58	1 15	604 60	53 59	58 00	1	1300	1	1000
KEWANEE DISTRICT											
Kewanee, Saxon and Galva.....	2 00		63 00	2 70	640 00	117 32	63 00	2	4200	1	2000
Sheffield and Atkins.....		98	40 15	1 15	397 53	47 84	60 20	2	2000	1	75
New Bedford and Leon.....			21 60		180 20	43 20		1	1500	1	1000
Sherrard.....			16 00	35	311 22	29 01	15 00	1	800		
Princeton.....		40		20	221 41	7 60	62 97	1	500	1	500
Total.....	\$22 05	\$17 18	\$1383 84	\$40 87	15247 09	\$2066 49	\$ 637 35	46	\$ 10230 30	30	\$46450

Raised for tracts: Aurora, \$2.25; Freeport and Hart schoolhouse, 40 cents; Princeton, \$1.00.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHICAGO AND ELGIN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-ante Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Mis-sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci-eties
CHICAGO DISTRICT																		
Chicago, First Church.....	H. O. Hubbard, District Elder	24	9	33	1	1	1	10	98	8	8	8	6	4	2			
" Second Church.....		71	7	78	3	1	1	14	105	23	24	13	16	10	7			
" Dearborn St. and So. Chicago		70	3	73	1	1	1	15	128	16	21	12	14	9	7			
" Humboldt Park.....		46	4	50	2	1	1	15	100	12	19	17	12	8	5			
Evanston.....		40	5	45	2	1	1	12	98	8	16	50	9	7	2			
Aurora.....		27	13	40	1	1	1	6	34	5	8	68	4	6	2			
Harvey and South Englewood		35	13	48	1	1	1	9	70	10	12	87	7	8	3			
Crawford.....		8		8							4	53	3	3	1			
Meunroe Park.....		22	1	23	1	1	1	12	51	2	5	60	4	2	2			
Men Elyn.....		14	1	15	1	1	1	15	38	2	3	83	1	1	1			
St. Charles.....		36	1	37	1	1	1	10	60	12	11	88	7	5	3			
ELGIN DISTRICT																		
Elgin and South Elgin.....	B. D. Fay, District Elder	48	3	51	1	2	2	9	68	7	14	19	7	6	4			
Freeport and Hart schoolhouse.....		38	7	45	1	1	1	10	40	14	11	22	6	5	3			
Winnebago and Rockford.....		32	4	36	1	1	2	11	48	7	12	21	6	8	3			
Belvidere and Elkhart.....		38	2	40	1	1	1	6	18	9	3	36	1	1	1			
Woodstock.....		33	3	36	1	1	1	5	45	19	10	23	2	4	1			
Crystal Lake.....		15	3	18	1	1	1	5	25	9	5	28	2	3	1			
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley		31	4	35	1	1	2	8	35	13	9	90	5	4	1			
Sycamore and South Burlington.....		28	1	29	1	1	1	9	50	7	8	91	4	3	3			
Franklin Grove and Ashton.....		38	2	40	1	1	1	3	30	4	3	30	1	1	1			
Dustin.....		5		5						2	2	64	1	1	1			
Franklin.....		5		5														

*Clyde Ebey supplied two months.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

PEORIA AND KEWANEE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-ants' Fund	General Super- tendents' Claim	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Missions Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci- eties	
PEORIA DISTRICT	W. J. Bone, District Elder																		
Peoria and Limestone	W. C. Willing.....	47	8	55	1	3	2	15	148	9	16 17	8	882	7 35	4 30	.....	\$ 32 15	\$ 60 00	
East Peoria and Pekin	C. M. Sturdivant.....	26	12	38	2	1	2	10	40	3	6 84	3	324	2 70	1 30	.....	5 00	5 00	
Deer Creek and Bethel	M. L. Johnson.....	12	5	17	1	1	1	3	30	3	5 61	3	306	3 74	1 70	.....	.....	.....	
Fairbury	D. W. Rose.....	30	8	38	1	1	1	10	57	11	11 22	6	743	5 10	3 40	.....	30 00	28 48	
Streator	W. J. Bone.....	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00	7	12	7 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Deer Park, Alabama	.....	23	2	25	1	1	1	6	40	5	8 91	4	86	4 05	2 70	.....	.....	.....	
Morris and Mazon	John F. Hill.....	24	6	30	2	2	2	10	75	7	7 59	4	14	3 45	2 30	.....	8 33	42 75	
Kempton	E. G. Cryer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
KEWANEE DISTRICT	W. J. Bone, District Elder																		
Kewanee, Saxon and Galva	John Harvey.....	60	13	73	1	1	1	9	66	19	17 52	9	72	8 10	5 40	.....	.....	52 89	
Sheffield and Atkins	J. T. Merry.....	26	1	27	1	1	1	9	25	6	7 59	4	18	3 45	2 30	.....	.....	7 91	
New Bedford and Leon	A. Wright, supply.....	21	5	26	1	1	1	6	30	5	6 60	3	60	3 00	2 00	.....	2 25	.....	
Sherrard	G. C. Mills, supply.....	8	1	9	1	1	1	5	30	2	2 31	1	54	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....	
Princeton	W. P. Laswell.....	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 32	1	72	1 60	40	.....	.....	4 00	
Total		973	133	1106	21	23	35	251	1760	256	312 90	169	72	207	87	141	30	\$ 212 04	1032 21

Raised for Evansville Sanitary: Chicago (First Church), \$3.24; Second Church, \$10.95; Dearborn St. and South Chicago, \$9.60; Humboldt Park, \$8.85; Evanston, \$7.50; Aurora, \$3.30; Harvey and South Englewood, \$5.85; Melrose Park, \$3; Glen Ellyn, \$1.65; St. Charles, \$5.40; Elgin and South Elgin, \$6.45; Freeport and Hart schoolhouse, \$5.10; Winnebago and Ridott, \$5.55; Marengo, \$1.80; Cary and Algonquin, \$2.40; Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley, \$4.50; Franklin Grove and Ashton, \$1.50; Dustin, 40 cents; Peoria and Limestone, \$7.35; East Peoria and Pekin, \$2.70; Deer Creek and Bethel, \$2.55; Fairbury, \$5.10; Morris and Mazon, \$4.05; Kewanee, Saxon and Galva, \$5.10; Sheffield and Atkinson, \$3.45; New Bedford and Leon, \$3.00; Princeton, 60 cents; Kempton, \$3.45.

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT BUTTE,
NEBRASKA, AUGUST 17-20, 1904.

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

O. L. BARNES, *Secretary.*

I. C. GRABILL, *Assistant Secretary.*

MINNIE A. BEERS, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellw, J. A. Finch, W. W. Bruce, A. S. McClure.

On Publications—W. W. Bruce, E. Ballenger, R. S. Andress.

On Education—E. Ballenger, A. S. McClure, W. W. Bruce.

On Sabbath-schools—I. C. Grabill, Emma Wells, Fred Temper.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. E. Hatfield, William McElfresh,
I. C. Grabill.

On Reforms—A. S. McClure, Sidney Mills, L. Foreman.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—F. W. Quass.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On the State of the Work—W. W. Bruce, J. A. Finch, William McElfresh.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Ministerial Relations—E. E. Hatfield, Sidney Mills, A. J. Everts, Reuben Het-
rick, L. E. Barnes.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—Walter A. Sellw, W. W. Bruce, J. A.
Finch, F. W. Quass, F. M. Temper.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. W. Bruce, chairman; O. L. Barnes, secretary; William McElfresh, treasurer;
E. Ballenger, F. W. Quass.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

O. L. Barnes, for three years; W. W. Bruce, for two years; E. Ballenger, for one
year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

E. Ballenger, chairman; O. L. Barnes, secretary; William McElfresh, treasurer;
W. W. Bruce, F. W. Quass.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. W. Bruce, E. E. Hatfield, D. M. Williams, for three years; O. L. Barnes, T. M.
Wright, for two years; E. Ballenger, William McElfresh, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—E. Ballenger.

On Education—W. W. Bruce.

On Reforms—E. E. Hatfield.

On Sunday-schools—A. S. McClure.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference and General Missions; second quarter, General Super-
intendents' Claim; third quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions and
Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. O. L. Barnes, president, 850 West Thirteenth street, Fremont, Nebraska; Maggie E. Bruce, vice president, 1101 Huff street, Lincoln, Nebraska; Loretta Thomas, recording secretary, Louisville, Nebraska; Ella Andress, corresponding secretary, 2003 South Eighth street, Omaha, Nebraska; Emma Wells, treasurer, 2421 Dodge street, Omaha, Nebraska.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. Ballenger,	J. B. Davis,	A. J. Houver,	Sidney Mills,
L. E. Barnes,	O. L. Barnes,	E. E. Hatfield,	J. A. Finch,
W. W. Bruce,	O. C. Cox,	A. S. McClure,	F. J. Atkinson,
I. C. Grabill,	Henry Allgor,	D. C. Sparks,	T. W. Rutledge,
Lee Daily.			

DELEGATES

A. J. Everts,	F. W. Quass,	F. M. Temper,	R. S. Andress,
R. Hetrick,	Emma Wells,	William McElfresh,	L. Foreman,
Mattie Springstead,	U. S. Miliken,	Maggie E. Bruce,	Laura Cline,
Hannah Gassard,	Sarah A. Painter,	Lydia Coen,	T. M. Wright,
W. S. Berry,	Samuel Baker,	Charles H. Shaw.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellw, W. W. Bruce, J. A. Finch, F. W. Quass, F. M. Temper.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. P. Laswell.
4. Who remain on trial? M. Hartsock, L. M. Poff, T. B. Wilson.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? T. W. Rutledge, Lee Daily, D. C. Sparks.
6. Who are the deacons? A. J. Houver, L. E. Barnes, A. S. McClure, F. J. Atkinson, I. C. Grabill, Henry Allgor, T. W. Rutledge, Lee Daily.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? L. E. Barnes, elected, not present to be ordained.
8. Who have located this year? J. E. Evans.
- 9, 11. None.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. B. Davis, Sidney Mills.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? R. J. Johnston, D. C. Sparks.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. None.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Ceresco, Nebraska, not later than August 20, 1905.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were five sittings of the conference. General Superintendent Walter A. Sellw presided with satisfaction to all. His sermons and addresses were instructive and inspiring.

The conference ordered that a collection of twenty-five cents per member be added to the conference claims and collected the first quarter and sent to the conference treasurer.

T. W. Rutledge and Leemore Daily were ordained deacons at the close of the Sunday morning service.

Rev. R. F. Johnston of the Platte River conference, visited the conference in the interest of the Orleans Seminary.

A missionary meeting was held Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. General Superintendent Walter A. Sellew preached the sermon which was listened to by a large congregation. A collection of \$58 was taken. One woman pledged to support a missionary in Africa. Some expressed themselves—"I never saw the missionary cause in this light before." Let the women of the Nebraska conference take a forward step in this line of work.

Minnie A. Beers was re-elected conference treasurer for the coming year to whom all conference collections should be sent. Her address is Concord, Nebraska.

APPOINTMENTS

LINCOLN DISTRICT—W. W. BRUCE, District Elder, 1101 Huff street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Lincoln.....	To be supplied
Yutan and Bethel	L. M. Poff, Yutan, Nebraska
Wahoo, Mt. Carmel and Bright Star.....	William McElfresh, Cedar Bluffs, "
Nebraska City	L. E. Barnes, Nebraska City, "
Tecumseh and Table Rock.....	To be supplied
Wymore.....	Leemore Daily
Belvidere	To be supplied
York.....	C. C. Cox, York "

J. B. Davis, superannuated, York, Nebraska; D. O. Sparks, given certificate of good standing with view to transfer; E. Ballenger, evangelist, Box 922, Lincoln, Nebraska; W. W. Bruce, member Lincoln district quarterly conference.

OMAHA DISTRICT—W. W. BRUCE, District Elder.

Omaha.....	E. E. Hatfield, Yutan, Nebraska
LaPlatte.....	To be supplied
Louisville.....	Loretta Thomas, supply, Louisville, "
Blair, Fremont, Arlington and Elk City.....	T. W. Rutledge, Blair, "

NORFOLK DISTRICT—O. L. BARNES, District Elder, 850 West Thirteenth street Fremont, Nebraska.

Norfolk, Birch and Meadow Grove.....	H. Allgor, Butte, Nebraska
Fairview and Clay Ridge.....	I. C. Grabill, Fairview, "
Inman and Page.....	To be supplied
Concord and Norris.....	Minnie Beers, supply, Concord, "

J. E. Evans, granted a certificate of location at his request, member of Fairview circuit.

BUTTE DISTRICT—O. L. BARNES, District Elder.

Butte and Riverside.....	A. S. McClure, Butte, Nebraska
Bonesteel, Mt. Zion and Naper.....	T. B. Wilson
Kirkwood and Mayblow.....	M. Hartsock
Lynch and Gross.....	David E. Powell, supply, Lynch, Nebraska
Mills, Shiloh and Lakeview.....	F. M. Temper, supply
Sandy, Ray and Leoni.....	To be supplied
Norton and Brown County.....	F. J. Atkinson
South Side.....	W. P. Laswell

O. L. Barnes, member Butte district quarterly conference; Sidney Mills, superannuated; J. A. Finch, evangelist.

LOCAL PREACHERS

F. W. Quass.....	Yutan, Nebraska	J. V. Parks.....	Lincoln, Nebraska
H. D. Green.....	Butte, "	William McElfresh..	Cedar Bluffs, "
Charles E. Eoff.....	Omaha, "	H. A. Flecker.....	Omaha, "
W. S. Berry.....	Dustin, Nebraska		

EVANGELISTS

L. Foreman.....	Basin, Nebraska	A. J. Everts	403 Bancroft street, Omaha, Nebraska.
N. J. Smith.....	2538 South Tenth street, Omaha, Nebraska.	M. Reed.....	Birch, Nebraska
Rosa Everts.....	403 Bancroft street, Omaha, Nebraska.	Mrs. Eleanor Finch	Butte, "
Maggie E. Bruce, 1101 Huff street, Lincoln, Nebraska.		Mrs. O. L. Barnes.....	850 West Thirtieth street, Fremont, Nebraska.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$132.99.
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.—Assessed and paid, \$72.54.
 GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$60.45.
 PERMANENT FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$20.15.
 CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed, \$40.30.
 Paid, \$30.30; deficit, \$10. Total, \$40.30.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

We appreciate the fact that we are living in an age of intellectual advancement beyond that which has ever characterized this world's history. A commendable degree of mental culture is expected and demanded. We cannot expect to succeed as we should unless we are duly prepared for our life work.

Whatever one's calling may be, his manhood is raised to a higher plane and his efficiency increased by the broadening and proper training of the mind. This has been so generally recognized that educational institutions and facilities have been multiplied. As the mental in the scale of gradation is higher than the physical, so we recognize the spiritual and moral nature as above both. Neither should be neglected in the education and development of the man.

We see more and more the necessity of Christian schools where holy influences surround and the pure doctrines of God's word mold and shape the character of the young. We are glad to note the success attending the institutions of learning in our beloved Zion. We wish to call special attention to Orleans Seminary of which we are a co-operating conference and W. W. Bruce a member of the board of trustees. There is cause for thanksgiving. The debt has been paid. The past school year has been one of blessing. The attendance was larger than at any time in the past. The outlook for the future is encouraging. Let us give of our money and as far as practicable send our children to our own schools where the best results will be obtained.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We recognize the great power of the press either for good or evil. There never has been a time when such a volume of literature was poured forth upon the public as to-day. A large per cent. of this is made up of the trashy, yellow-backed, dime-novel blood and thunder productions that ought to be prohibited by law. We notice the tendency of modern journalism to make the press a sewer for all the crime and scandal that is to be picked up, thus giving evil doers a publicity and notoriety that feeds and keeps alive their abnormal passions and awakens the same in others. While deploring the evil we rejoice in the fact that there is a stream issuing forth from the great fountain of wholesome books, periodicals and papers which are in measure counteracting the evil of the other. We congratulate our own publishing house on the work it is doing in disseminating the truth and lifting up the standard of righteousness. We thank God that we have such an excellent church paper as the *Free Methodist*, so clean and clear cut in its position in maintaining the pure and undefiled religion of the Bible. We contend that it should be a weekly visitor in every Free Methodist home. We cannot see how one can be an intelligent, loyal member of the church and not take his church paper.

With deep satisfaction we record our high appreciation of the efforts of our publishers

in giving to our people and the public our most excellent Sunday-school literature, second to none in the land, also such choice works on holiness as "Purity and Maturity," Peck's "Central Idea" and Wood's "Perfect Love." We are also much pleased with our new song book and bespeak for it a large sale.

We also notice and recommend to the patronage of our people, the *Missionary Tidings*, the *Earnest Christian*, the *Converted Catholic*, the *New Voice* and the *Pilgrim's Banner*—the latter a publication of our sister conference, the West Iowa. Brethren, we can get along without the secular paper, containing as it does so much that is objectionable, but we can not afford to deprive ourselves and families of the inspiration and soul food we shall receive in the perusal of any of the above mentioned productions, and especially of our own beloved *Free Methodist*.

IV.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

If the question of the importance of Sunday-schools were to be voted upon by our people, doubtless we would all vote on one side of the question. Our faith in the Sunday-school is strong, but it too often lacks the accompaniment of works. A Sunday-school will not go as it should of itself, but if we all take hold with a will we can make it go, and it will keep going if we keep everlastingly at it. Every member of a society is responsible for making some regular part in the exercises when it is at all possible to be there. If it is impossible for us to be present, still if our hearts are enlisted we will find ways and means of advancing the interests of the school. Don't send your children to Sunday-school, but stir yourself up and lead them there. They have a right to the influence of your example.

The Sunday-school should be a place of salvation and not be allowed to degenerate into a dreary round of forms void of love and life. The superintendent should be a person so constituted spiritually and otherwise as to be able to create and maintain enthusiasm in all the school, and especially on the part of the teachers and other officers. The teacher should not only be well acquainted with the lesson, but should be both able and willing to pray under the burden of souls in his class, so as to be vitally interested and instrumental in their salvation.

It is to be feared that many among us do not more than half believe that a child may know and love God and be saved, at least appearances would lead us to infer as much. We certainly ought not to hinder the little feet by our unbelief, but should be able to enter into sympathy with the feelings of the children and tenderly lead them to Jesus.

The Sunday-school has been well called the nursery of the church. In a nursery of trees the aim is to constantly keep on hand a full supply of young trees in order that the surrounding country may have orchards and fruit. Other churches excel us in zeal for gathering in the children and they have their decision days and get them into the church as well. If they succeed so well in the interest of formal religion, why should not we succeed much better than we do in the interest of God and salvation?

Again, in a nursery of children, the parents not only provide the children, but suitable quarters, provisions, competent nurses, clothing, instruction, yea, all the children's needs are well supplied. The reason for all this is plain. The church must furnish the children the nursery quarters, the wholesome spiritual atmosphere, competent nurses and instructors, yea, all the children need to save them and preserve them for Christ and his church.

In the prophets it is said of Him, "He shall carry the lambs in his bosom." What a depth of meaning in this passage. If we would rightly represent Christ in this capacity, we must both know how and practise carrying the lambs in our bosom. Not only must we keep ourselves clear with reference to our own children, but there are many others who need the good Shepherd's care. Let us reach out and gather them in for him.

The literature put out by our publishers is of the very best and should unquestionably be employed in preference to any and all others in all our schools. Also we would recommend the distribution of the church Catechism in our Sunday-schools as a necessary factor in the education of our children.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

LINCOLN, OMAHA, NORFOLK AND BUTTE DISTRICTS

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	
LINCOLN DISTRICT																											
W. W. Bruce, District Elder																											
Lincoln...	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Yutan and Bethel...	28	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Wahoo and Ceresco...	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Nebraska City...	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Leamore Daily...	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Wymore...	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Belvidere...	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
York...	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
W. W. Bruce, District Elder																											
OMAHA DISTRICT																											
E. E. Hatfield																											
Omaha...	26	9	35	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
La Platte...	10	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Louisville...	15	3	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Blair...	17	1	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Fremont and Elk City...	13	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
John A. Finch, District Elder																											
NORFOLK DISTRICT																											
Milton Hartsock																											
Birch, Norfolk and Meadow Grove...	15	1	15	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Fairview and Clay Ridge...	12	1	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Page and Imman...	10	2	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Concord...	6	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
John A. Finch, District Elder																											
BUTTE DISTRICT																											
A. S. McClure																											
Butte and Riverside...	37	5	42	1	3	3	9	72	9	10	6	5	49	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
St. Zion, Bonesteel and Napier...	18	10	28	1	2	12	43	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Kirkwood and New Port...	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Lincoln and Gross...	25	1	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Mills, Lakewood and Shiloh...	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Marlow...	6	2	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Sandy, Bay and Leonil...	9	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Total...	381	35	416	11	14	24	121	685	108	97	89	\$ 55	81	\$ 44	05	\$ 53	21	\$ 26	00	\$ 55	\$ 9	79	\$ 51	09			

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
LINCOLN DISTRICT											
Lincoln.....			\$ 13 87	\$ 63		\$ 28 58	\$ 25 00	1	\$ 1000	1	\$ 1000
Yutan and Bethel.....			48 45	1 45	400 00	64 57	22 00	2	2200	1	1500
Wahoo and Ceresco.....	\$ 3 24		1 00		275 00	53 30	40 00	1	1000	1	500
Nebraska City.....			22 07	1 10	323 69	46 87	7 33	1	2000		
Tecumseh.....			4 39		219 79	11 74				1	500
Wymore.....			16 95	1 11	122 36	52 56	5 40				
Belvidere.....				12		2 00					
York.....			11 63	86	107 56	30 16					
OMAHA DISTRICT											
Omaha.....	2 40		26 50	1 30	301 00	56 34		1	1000	1	250
La Platte.....	4 00		18 28	60	90 71	27 71		1	1000		
Louisville.....			6 60		61 88	31 96	50 85	1	1000		
Blair.....			9 23		139 90	39 80		1	1500	1	1000
Fremont and Elk City.....			24 52			26 95		2	1000		
NORFOLK DISTRICT											
Birch, Norfolk and Meadow Grove..			7 00		197 45	40 92				1	500
Fairview and Clay Ridge.....			12 00		150 00	57 00	7 00				
Page and Inman.....			7 00		36 50	27 08				1	200
Concord.....	10 36		45			16 12					
BUTTE DISTRICT											
Butte and Riverside.....			26 30	1 50	358 54	48 46	5 00	1	1000	1	800
Mt. Zion, Bonesteel and Naper.....	3 12		13 59	85	259 60	132 90		1	1100	1	200
Kirkwood and Newport.....				30	79 60	30 68					
Lynch and Gross.....			8 31	35	110 18	18 98					
Mills, Lakewood and Shiloh.....			3 00	30	62 42	29 50	6 00	1	500	1	250
Mayblow.....				50		20 57					
Sandy, Ray and Leont.....			60		31 40	18 83					
Total.....	\$23 12	\$ 281 54	\$10 97	\$3327 58	\$ 912 18	\$ 168 58	14	\$ 14300	11	\$ 6700	

COLORADO CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT HOWARD,
COLORADO. AUGUST 10-14, 1904.

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

J. I. COUNCIL, *Secretary.*

F. F. STEWART, *Assistant Secretary.*

G. A. LOOMIS, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, F. F. Stewart.

On the State of the Work—J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, G. M. Rowley, B. L. Calhoun.

On Publications—A. J. McKinney, J. W. Marshall, John Johnson.

On Reforms—A. J. McKinney, Marion Fraker, G. B. Lane, John Johnson.

On Sunday-schools—W. W. Jellison, J. A. Hopper, G. A. Gipe, H. A. Crouch.

On Publishing the Minutes—J. I. Council, F. F. Stewart.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—G. B. Lane.

On Education—J. W. Marshall, C. B. Langdon, W. W. Jellison, Hannah Hazen.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—G. A. Loomis, J. W. Glazier, J. A. Hopper, G. M. Rowley.

On Memoirs—A. J. McKinney, J. I. Council, J. F. Garrett.

On Ministerial Relations—W. T. Hogue, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, H. A. Crouch, G. M. Rowley.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—The stationing committee.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On the State of the Work—J. I. Council. On Publications—A. J. McKinney.

On Reforms—J. F. Garrett.

On Sunday-schools—W. W. Jellison.

On Education—J. W. Marshall.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. F. Garrett, for one year; J. A. Hopper, for two years; A. J. McKinney, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. J. McKinney, president; F. F. Stewart, secretary; G. M. Rowley, treasurer; J. W. Glazier, J. A. Hopper.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Conference Missions; a sum equal to twenty-five cents per member to be forwarded, as soon as taken, to the district elders, to be applied by them where most needed; second quarter, Foreign Missions and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents' and Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Miss Lizzie R. Lammie, Coaldale, Colorado; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ora W. Glazier, Spruce street, R. F. D. No. 2, Boulder, Colorado; recording secretary, Mrs. Lizzie D. Stewart, 320 South Water street, Denver, Colorado; treasurer, Miss Mary Johnson, 443 Santa Fe street, Denver, Colorado.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. F. Garrett,
J. A. DaFoe,
C. B. Langdon,
F. F. Stewart,
G. B. Lane,

G. A. Loomis,
W. W. Jellison,
J. F. Walker,
G. W. Yoder,
W. B. Kerby.

J. I. Council,
J. W. Marshall,
Frank DuPee,
A. G. Galbraith,

J. W. Glazier,
J. A. Hopper,
A. J. McKinney,
F. D. Palmer,

DELEGATES

H. A. Crouch,
Mary Allred,
G. M. Rowley,

B. L. Calhoun,
Fannie Fuller,
Marion Fraker.

G. A. Gipe,
Hannah Hazen,

Lina West,
John Johnson,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, H. A. Crouch, G. M. Rowley.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. R. Yount.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? William B. Kerby.

6. Who are the deacons? J. F. Walker, G. W. Yoder, G. B. Lane, W. B. Kerby.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Franklin F. Stewart.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. W. Marshall.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? A. G. Galbraith.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view of transfer to another conference? F. D. Palmer.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? J. A. DaFoe.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. G. Galbraith, \$30; Mrs. Eunice Vipond, \$75; Mrs. Hannah Risheill, \$50.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Colorado Springs, Colorado, as near the tenth of August, 1905, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

NORTHERN DISTRICT—J. I. COUNCIL, District Elder.

Denver.....F. F. Stewart, 320 South Water street, Denver, Colorado
Colorado Springs.....A. J. McKinney, 229 Cheyenne avenue, Colorado Springs, "
Boulder.....J. W. Glazier, Spruce street, R. F. D. No. 2, Boulder, "
Longmont and Lyons.....To be supplied
Loveland, Berthoud and Ft. Collins.....Archie Anderson, supply
Colorado City.....G. A. Loomis, 623 North Walnut street, Colorado Springs, "
Falcon and Peyton.....W. B. Kerby, Surber, "

Table Rock and Eastonville.....	J. F. Walker
Woodland Park and Divide.....	To be supplied
Leadville.....	To be supplied
Salt Lake and Ogden.....	To be supplied

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—J. F. GARRETT, District Elder.

Pueblo.....	W. W. Jellison, 29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado
Fountain.....	C. H. Miller, supply, Fountain, "
Chico and Rocky Ford.....	J. R. Yount, Nyburg, "
Beaver Creek and Williamsburg.....	To be supplied
Canon City.....	G. B. Lane, 719 Prospect street, Canon City, "
Wet Mountain Valley.....	To be supplied
Howard and Salida.....	J. A. Hopper, Howard, "
San Luis Valley.....	To be supplied
Cripple Creek.....	To be supplied
Trinidad.....	To be supplied
Pine River.....	Frank DuPee, Bayfield, "
Durango, Hesperus and Hay Gulch.....	G. W. Yoder, Durango, "
Hood schoolhouse.....	F. E. Carmack, supply, Bayfield, "
Delta, Crawford and Clifton.....	C. B. Langdon, Delta, "

A. G. Galbraith, superannuated; J. W. Marshall, supernumerary.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

H. A. Crouch.....	Fountain, Colorado	B. L. Calhoun.....	Nyburg, Colorado
I. H. Hightower.....	Canon City, "	S. G. Roper.....	Salt Lake, Utah
J. E. Outland.....		G. W. Staley.....	715 North Wahsatch avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Coleman Salyer.....	Bayfield, "	Mrs. Lina West.....	816 Elm street, Pueblo, Colorado.
Mrs. A. E. Jellison.....	29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado.	Mrs. Ora W. Glazier, Spruce street, R. F. D. No. 2, Boulder, Colorado.	
Mrs. Hattie E. Williams, Pueblo, Colorado		Miss Carrie Harris, Colorado City, Colorado	
Miss Hattie J. Handyside...Colorado City, Colorado.		Mrs. Catharine Worrall..Bayfield, "	
Miss Bessie Groves.. Canon City, Colorado		Mrs. Jennie Glenn.....	Bayfield, Colorado

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We, your committee on the State of the Work, would report as follows:

First of all, we are grateful to the God of all grace for his continued care and protection; and that he permits us to be workers together with him in the salvation of our fellow men, a salvation which the angels themselves desire to look into. And yet our souls are humbled within us, and we feel more and more like taking our places in the dust at his feet, when we consider the provisions of his grace, the possibilities therein, the promises made to all those who obediently follow him, and with our seeming littleness of faith, want of confidence and trust, we are led to cry out, "O God, I do believe; help thou mine unbelief," and thus more fully commit ourselves into his hands in order that he may work in us to will and to do of his good pleasure. We are glad to report an increase of spirituality, a deepening of consecration, a quickening of our zeal and a spirit of courage to press the battle even to the gates of the enemy. The Lord has blessed our labors; souls have been saved, believers have been sanctified and some have united with us in church fellowship; others are looking toward us with a view to going this way. If we keep the blessing of the Lord with us, the anointing that abideth, we may expect to see the salvation of God among the people, for he hath spoken good concerning Israel. With the opportunities offered, the means of grace at hand, God's willingness to give us the Holy Spirit, we are warranted in going forward in his name and looking to him for a general revival of his work all over the conference; nothing but a failure on our part to keep in divine order can stand in the way of it. Truth is mighty and must prevail. God promised ancient Israel if they would keep in covenant relationship with himself, they should be the head and not the tail; they should lend to many nations but they should not borrow. Solomon with prophetic vision looking down through the coming ages exclaims, Who is this coming up out of the wilderness leaning upon the arm of her beloved, fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners! Jesus replies by saying, This is the light of the world, the city set upon an hill. This is the church of the first-born whose names are written in heaven. If we are to

be his true representatives here and thus fulfil our mission as his people we will need to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. Anything like a spirit of strife or contention with a disposition to find fault and sit in judgment upon one another must result in ruin and discomfiture, for if ye bite and devour one another take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. Titus, the Roman general, after the taking of Jerusalem has been quoted as saying, that had it not been for the divisions on the inside it never could have been taken. Thus we see the need of union among ourselves, standing by our own colors, keeping at our own God-given work, and beware of running off after everything that purports to be of God and is baptized in the name of Christ, thus dividing up our time, means and influence, and taking from those to whom we have pledged ourselves to be true, weakening their hands, causing them to become discouraged and tempted to turn aside from their high and holy calling. The people have a right to expect and be in possession of a consecrated and Spirit-baptized ministry who can and do devote all their time and energies to the salvation of souls and the building up of the church of Christ. The ministry have a right to expect and have a people who are wholly consecrated to all the will of God with their prayers, their means and their influence, to stand by and hold up the hands of those who have thus been called out and consecrated to the service and work of the ministry. It is a great source of strength and encouragement to a minister of the gospel to feel that he has the confidence and support of the people, that they do stand by him with their prayers and their means and appreciate his labors. No doubt many a true man of God has failed to fulfil his mission on earth for the want of this. On the other hand we, as the ministers of Jesus Christ have great need of heavenly wisdom, much of the mind and spirit of Jesus in order that we may faithfully preach the word of the Lord, feed the flock over which he has made us overseers. Beware of a party spirit, be careful how we take sides in cases of dispute. Let us ever remember that we are the servants of all, and that Jesus, himself, came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and give his life a ransom for many. We are pleased to note a coming up among us on the part of both preachers and people along the lines spoken of, and pray that it may increase more and more until such a tidal wave of God's salvation shall sweep over this land that everything that savors of self and sin may be completely banished from among us, that we may indeed love one another with a pure heart fervently, and have a zeal that is according to knowledge.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We observe and deplore the use of printing in the degradation of mind and morals, as in yellow literature, and in the collecting by the daily press of all news of the immoral and unclean and criminal doings of the world and dumping the whole upon the threshold of millions of homes at morning and evening to pollute the minds and corrupt the morals of our families. Our church issues a liberal supply of papers, books, pamphlets, tracts, etc., and at prices as low as that of any other publishing house of equal merit, and we deplore and regret that many of our own people patronize other and irresponsible publishing institutions in preference to our own. Let us burn any literature of any description found about our homes which in its nature would tend to blight and degrade the minds of our families.

III.—ON REFORMS.

We believe the religion of Jesus is both saving in spiritual regeneration and reformatory in morals. The soul upon and within which the gospel has done its work of redemption is in such a state as precludes the necessity of any work by mere reformers. However, as all men of our common order and course of society and public life are not so saved and will not be, we regard it as necessary and expedient and wise to promote and pray for movements to reform private and public morals, in particular the prohibition of the liquor traffic in its every detail.

Second. The observance and regard of the Sabbath day, the neglect and decay of which is bringing upon our land and nation the wrath and judgments which were poured out upon ancient Israel.

Third. The common practise of fashionable and unchaste manner of dress worn in popular society, which of late years tends to set on fire the course of nature is to be condemned and effort made to induce to the use of more plain, simple and modest patterns.

Fourth. We deprecate that gambling and its kindred evils are apparently on the increase. We deplore the holding of county, state and world's fairs, as occasioning the assembling of evil as that the damage to public morals is far beyond any good which may accrue to such institutions.

Fifth. We are grieved and alarmed at the strides made by secret societies, whose name is legion. We observe with apprehension that they are becoming more bold in their disturbance of financial and industrial peace, by strikes, mob violence, murder, destruction of property and paralyzing of business of every kind even threatening the overthrow of all civil government.

Among us we need reforms along the line of a more strict adherence to our ideals in

spiritual life and spirit, and a diminution of evil speaking, catering to fashion, infringing on the sanctity of the holy Sabbath, gadding about among other religious bodies and movements to the neglect of our own meetings and the interests of our church.

IV.—ON MEMOIRS.

REV. J. A. DAFÖE.—In the providence of God one of our number has fallen in the ranks during the year and gone to his reward. Brother DaFöe had been a member of the Colorado conference for eleven years. Greatly afflicted in body, yet he continued to the last to labor as strength would allow. The fruits of his labors remain among us unto this day. In abilities and talents he was above the average. We regarded him as a man true to his convictions. As an evangelist he was successful and had many seals to his twenty years' ministry. He was a man not afraid of sacrifice, when the course of duty was made plain. His measure of faith in God was marvelous; like Abraham, he was strong in faith. As an evidence of his faith we refer to the incident of his praying for Sister Jellison four years ago when she was apparently in the embrace of death. He knelt, laid his hand upon her head, and in a brief prayer said, "Lord, if I am thy servant, raise up Sister Jellison for the work of God." Immediately the healing power descended and our sister is yet among us as a monument of his faith. Brother DaFöe, as others, had the infirmities of our common humanity. He had this treasure in an "earthen vessel." He died in the faith, victorious, resigned, and we have no doubt of his abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT											
Denver.....			\$ 105 19	\$ 3 20	\$ 750 25	\$ 100 00	\$ 73 89	1	1500	1	\$ 800
Boulder.....			22 67		300 00	50 86					
Longmont and Lyons.....				65	200 00	33 76		1	1500		
Loveland, Berthoud and Collins.....				30		17 39					
Table Rock and Husted.....					67 00	10 53					
Erie and Louisville.....						2 50					
Colorado Springs.....			39 04	2 25	520 00	80 38	20 15	1	2000	1	800
Colorado City.....		\$ 1 50	48 84	30	232 00	26 08	3 90				
Woodland Park and Divide.....					43 61	5 50		1	200	1	50
Leadville.....				10		3 50					
Parkers and Sullivan.....					8 70	11 10					
Delta, Crawford and Cedar Edge.....				20	12 70	32 00					
Morrison, Ft. Logan and Littleton.....						3 40					
Salt Lake and Ogden.....				15	100 00	42 00		1	1000	1	200
Falcon and Peyton.....				20	170 00	19 25				1	100
Camp-meetings and other sources.....						60 12					
SOUTHERN DISTRICT											
Fountain.....		6 00	48 60	1 15	384 92	53 80	36 89	1	1800	1	1000
Pueblo.....			48 00	50	286 28	24 25	6 00	1	1000	1	800
Chico and Rocky Ford.....				40	206 59	40 25	15 31				100
Beaver Creek and Williamsburg.....											
Canon City.....			38 35	1 15	374 00	58 57	30 65	1	1000	1	500
Wet Mountain Valley.....				30		27 64					
Howard and Salida.....			48 37	1 55	337 28	66 25	31 30	1	800	1	400
San Luis Valley.....				20		6 80					
Trinidad.....											
Pine River and Hesperus.....			23 79		188 85	44 95		1	600	1	250
Cripple Creek.....											
General missionary appropriation.....						50 00					
Camp-meeting and miscellaneous.....						57 02					
Collection taken at conference to make up deficiency.....				3 90							
Total.....		\$ 7 50	\$ 422 85	\$16 50	\$4182 18	\$ 927 90	\$ 218 09	10	11400	11	\$ 5000

COLORADO CONFERENCE

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Confessionals' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Societies	
NORTHERN DISTRICT																			
J. F. Garrett, District Elder																			
Denver.....	A. J. McKinney.....	70	5	75	1	1	1	13	90	12	21	13	11	52	9	60	6	10	38
Boulder.....	J. W. Glazier.....	32	3	35	1	1	1	8	45	6	10	39	5	94	3	10	6	35	
Longmont and Lyons.....	F. D. Palmer.....	12	6	17	1	1	1	4	18	2	4	23	2	34	1	35	8	00	
Loveland, Berthoud and Collins.....	William Graining, supply.....	4		4	1						1	95	1	50	1	60			
Table Rock and Husted.....	J. F. Walker.....									1									
Erie and Louisville.....	C. O. Bancroft.....																		
Colorado Springs.....	J. W. Marshall.....	43	8	51	1	1	1	8	34		14	85	8	10	11	25	4	50	
Colorado City.....	Hattie J. Handyside, Carrie Harris, supplies.....																		
Woodland Park and Divide.....	G. A. Loomis.....	10	3	13	3	1	9	85	2	1	93	1	08	90	90	60	10	22	
Leadville.....	Supplied.....	2	2	4						1	66			30	20			66	
Parkers and Sullivan.....	James Goode, supply.....																		
Delta, Crawford and Cedar Edge.....	Levi DeBusk, supply.....	10	3	13	1	1			3	1	32	72	1	00	60	40			
Morrison, Ft. Logan and Littleton.....	Albert Edwards, supply.....																		
Salt Lake and Ogden.....	Supplied.....	4	1	5	1	1			1	99		64	75	45	30				
Falcon and Peyton.....	W. B. Kerby.....	4	1	5					1	1	32	72	1	00	1				
SOUTHERN DISTRICT																			
J. I. Council, District Elder																			
Fountain.....	W. W. Jellison.....	24	4	28	1	1	1	11	100	6	8	53	4	19	5	75	2	30	60
Pueblo.....	J. A. Hopper.....	22	8	30	1	1	2	6	33	2	7	61	5	22	3	55	2	00	
Chico and Rocky Ford.....	G. W. Yoder.....	7		7	2					4	2	64	1	44	2	00	80		
Beaver Creek and Williamsburg.....	No report.....																		
Canon City.....	G. E. Lane.....	30	3	33	1	1	1	8	55	7	7	59	4	60	5	75	2	30	
Wet Mountain Valley.....	Archie Anderson, supply.....	6		6	1	1	4	25	3	1	98	1	08	1	90	60	16	75	
Howard and Salida.....	F. F. Stewart.....	28	5	33	1	1	3	15	105	7	10	23	5	88	5	75	3	10	
San Luis Valley.....	Supplied.....	6		6	1					1	1	32	72	1	00	60	40	55	
Trinidad.....	No report.....																		
Pine River and Hesperus.....	No report.....	17	10	27	2	1	6	38	4	4	62	2	62	3	50	1	40	2	
Cripple Creek.....	Frank Dufree.....																		
Collection taken at conference to make up deficiency.....	No report.....																2	00	
Total.....		333	50	383	15	13	92	625	63	108	90	59	40	61	20	49	50	\$ 43 07	\$390 26

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT GEARY, OKLAHOMA,
AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 3, 1904

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

T. H. ALLEN, *Secretary.*

E. O. DAVENPORT, *Assistant Secretary.*

C. E. HARROUN, JR., *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Wilson T. Hogue, T. H. Allen, Slade Freer.

On Education—James Seacord, M. Wright.

On Publications—E. D. Wells, C. E. Harroun, Jr.

On Sunday-schools—A. Maker, Pearl Holmes.

On Reforms—T. H. Allen, G. W. Woogerd.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—James Seacord, J. L. Brown, E. D. Wells.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Receive Funds for Publishing the Minutes—S. A. D. Easterling.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—C. E. Harroun, Jr.

On Prohibition—T. H. Allen.

On Secret Societies—A. Stedwell.

On Education—E. D. Wells.

On Sunday-schools—Slade Freer.

On Sabbath Observance—M. Wright.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. H. Allen, president; G. M. Hadduck, secretary; J. L. Brown, treasurer; J. H. Wright, N. Welch.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. E. Harroun, Jr., president, retires 1905; J. L. Brown, retires 1906; T. H. Allen, secretary, retires 1907.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Rilla Allen, president, 1002 West Logan street, Guthrie, Oklahoma; Ermina Harroun, vice president, Augusta, Oklahoma; Mrs. Anna Fisher, secretary, Dyke, Oklahoma; Mrs. Marilla Freer, treasurer, Geary, Oklahoma.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents) and Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, General Superintendents'; third quarter, Conference Claimants' and Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Home Missions (25 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. E. Harroun, Sr.,
J. L. Brown,
O. Mattenly,
E. D. Wells,
D. C. Sparks.

C. W. VanTrees,
Slade Freer.
W. E. McWilliams,
L. M. Tinker,

T. H. Allen,
A. Maker,
G. W. Woogerd,
N. C. Swigart,

William Burkholder,
M. Wright,
O. E. Harroun, Jr.,
A. Stedwell,

DELEGATES

J. Bass,	P. T. Anderson,	E. O. Davenport,	George Dixon,
James Seacord,	J. T. McDuff,	Pearl Holmes,	S. A. D. Easterling,
O. L. Shoup,	J. P. Jordan,	May P. Dougherty,	J. H. Castleberry,
J. W. Boye,	Mary V. Johnson,	Catherine Isbell,	P. B. Paramore,
E. E. Luckabough,	Kate Hurst,	H. C. Abbott,	T. D. North.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen, James Seacord, C. L. Shoup.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. O. Davenport, T. D. North.
4. Who remain on trial? G. M. Hadduck, R. H. Shoup, C. E. Carter, Carey Fisher, Harry Peacock, C. W. Mendenhall.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. D. Wells.
6. Who are the deacons? Slade Freer, M. Wright, E. D. Wells, W. E. McWilliams, D. C. Sparks, L. M. Tinker.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Maker.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. E. Harroun, Sr., C. Mattenly.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? D. C. Sparks, from the Nebraska conference; L. M. Tinker, from the Kansas conference, N. C. Swigart, A. Stedwell, from the West Kansas conference. On trial: C. E. Carter, Carey Fisher, Harry Peacock, from the West Kansas conference; C. W. Mendenhall, from the Kansas conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
- 16-20, 23. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? C. E. Harroun, Sr., \$150; C. Mattenly, \$150; son of William Champion, \$15.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Cashion, Oklahoma, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1905, as consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The sixth annual session of the conference was held at Geary, Oklahoma. Rev. W. T. Hogue presided over the conference very satisfactorily to all concerned. There were five sittings. The religious services were spiritual and fruitful. Several ministers were received by transfer from other conferences and the work was well manned with preachers.

Rev. Kersey Thomas, who was present, was allowed a service in the interest of education, and about sixty dollars was received on subscription.

The general superintendent preached on the subject of missions on Sunday afternoon, after which \$55.30 was received in cash, and \$155.75 in subscriptions.

The W. F. M. S. raised \$451.60 in cash, including this collection, during the year.

Rev. J. B. Lutz represented the publishing house and sold a good list of books.

Seventy-three dollars was taken in subscriptions to liquidate the debt on the Geary parsonage.

The appointments were joyfully received.

Rev. E. D. Wells was ordained deacon at the Sunday morning service.

APPOINTMENTS

GUTHRIE DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder.

Guthrie and Pleasant Valley	H. O. Radford, supply
Waterloo	To be supplied
Agra, Fallas and Eagle Creek	G. W. Woogerd
Oklahoma City and Norman	J. L. Brown
Rossville, Asher and Purcell	T. D. North
Pryor Creek	To be supplied
Mounds	To be supplied

A. Maker, supernumerary; T. H. Allen, member of Guthrie district quarterly conference.

PONCA DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder.

Ponca, Maple Grove and Stony Point	E. D. Wells
Tonkawa, Whiterock and Garber	L. M. Tinker
Perry, Lone Elm and Hayward	E. A. Davenport
Yale and Blackburn	G. M. Hadduck

ENID DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder.

Enid and Waukomis	J. K. Webb, supply
Coldwater	Harry Peacock
Eddy, Deer Creek and Satchel Valley	O. W. Mendenhall
Wakita and Prairie Queen	J. H. Wright, supply
Hennessey	To be supplied

C. Mattenly, superannuated.

KINGFISHER DISTRICT—C. E. HARROUN, JR., District Elder.

Cashion and Bethel	M. Wright
Geary and Watonga	Slade Freer
Dyke and Fountain	Carey Fisher
Seiling, Taloga and Camargo	O. W. VanTrees

CLEO DISTRICT—C. E. HARROUN, JR., District Elder.

Wisby, Plymer and Augusta	J. Culp, supply
Helena, Aline and Ames	E. M. Cobb, supply
Ohester, Dane and Isabella	W. E. McWilliams
Moscow, Oak Valley, Lathrop and Vonton	H. H. Isbell, supply
Winchester and Green Valley	C. E. Carter
Brule, Laverne and Paladin	J. M. Culp, supply

A. Stedwell, evangelist; C. E. Harroun, Sr., superannuated; D. O. Sparks, supernumerary; C. E. Harroun, Jr., member of Kingfisher district quarterly conference.

HOBART DISTRICT—C. E. HARROUN, JR., District Elder.

Poarch and Heffner	N. C. Swigart
Lone Wolf and Cordell	M. Neu, supply
Apache, Lawton, Chickasha and Laverty	R. H. Shoup

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Lydia A. Newberry	Guthrie, Oklahoma
Tillie Champion	Rossville, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Raised, \$57.35.
CLAIMANTS' PERMANENT FUND—\$27.02.
GENERAL MISSIONS—\$97.98.
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES—\$109.68.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—\$196.52.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$6.85.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$113.50
 EDUCATIONAL FUND.—\$13.61.
 CHILDREN'S FUND.—\$19.06.
 WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Raised, \$451.60.

II.—ON REFORMS.

1. **UNITY OF EFFORT.**—The Free Methodist church, the first to be organized as a distinctively holiness organization, is a child of Providence, born of necessity and not of choice. Her only mission in the world is to declare, establish and maintain the Bible standard of Christian holiness and to preach the gospel to the poor. In the midst of the various churches, parties, interests and movements, both organized and unorganized, there still remains the same necessity for existence that gave her birth.

Free Methodism is the main conservator of true holiness on this continent, the "core of the holiness movement, the standard of holy living wherever it exists." We think we can safely say that none of the outside holiness movements represent the radical, clean cut, work of the Free Methodist church, and that many of them are positively subversive of the interests of our work as a denomination.

'In order to the highest degree of success as a Christian church there must be concentration and unity of effort. That is, we must attend to our own business and not divide our moral and financial support with outside movements. In Paul's time the church was divided into parties—Paulites, Apollosites, Cephasites and Christites. That spirit Paul declares to be babyish and carnal, that is to say, a party spirit is a carnal spirit. The independent partyism of our day is evidently the hatching nest of religious lawlessness, anarchy and come-outism. In view of these facts, as a Christian church we cannot consistently or righteously give our moral or financial support to such movements. Our need as a church for loyal, active, aggressive warfare is full-blooded Free Methodists to a man. Do not our obligations of mutual association require that each member of the church, reasonably exhaust his ability, both morally and financially to sustain the church in all her interests to spread scriptural holiness over these lands? If so, let us stop at once all our support of all outside movements with all their papers, missions and other interests, and be true to God, to each other, to our obligations and to the work to which God has called us.

"Dare to be a Daniel;
 Dare to stand alone.
 Dare to have a purpose true,
 Dare to make it known."

2. **PROHIBITION.**—The Free Methodist church is not a reform institution. The dominant issue of association is scriptural holiness. All reforms are inseparably connected with this scriptural issue. The liquor traffic is the crime of the ages, and the most stupendous problem that confronts the American people. This is true as regards morals, finance, politics, education and religion. For any man, political party, church, or other institution, to ignore, indorse, support or submit to it, is to commit sin. The only effectual remedy for this hellish curse is the prohibition of the entire traffic. The government should have a settled, well-directed policy against all evil. If this cursed traffic is to continue its soul and body destroying business, it should be made to do so as an outlaw and not under the protection of the government. We govern in this country by political parties. The gold standard was made an issue of American politics and became the standard of money through a gold standard party. At this moment the old parties confessedly stand for the license of the liquor traffic, as opposed to prohibition. No man can vote for a political party and not vote for the things for which it stands. A license party does not represent the convictions or principles of a prohibitionist. A man's party is his agent in the administration of the government. What he does by his party he does by himself. If his party licenses the saloon so does he license the saloon. The American saloon is entrenched behind the ballot box. The Prohibition party is an effort to meet it where it is. The battle must be fought at the ballot box. This makes a Prohibition party a necessity. The man who votes for a party that does not represent this principle loses his vote. Free Methodists to a man should vote the Prohibition ticket. The Christians of America will vote for Rev. S. C. Swallow for the next president of the United States.

3. **SECRET SOCIETIES.**—We can only reaffirm our disciplinary position, that "All secret societies are to be eschewed." We consider the lodge system a great enemy to Jesus Christ and his religion, and one of the most stupendous frauds and humbugs in the world. Secret societies having muzzled the pulpit, the press and the polls, are one of the greatest hindrances to the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the earth. The Farmer's Alliance, the G. A. R., the Labor Unions and the Anti-Horse Thief Association, as far as we know them, are all secret societies. Members of these orders should be refused a membership in the Free Methodist church.

4. **DRESS.**—"Be not conformed to this world" is the scriptural injunction. The old

saints, or fathers or mothers in the church, must be models of neatness, plainness and simplicity, in order to preserve the church from compromise and worldliness. By their practise and example they make a standard for others to follow. We consider the wearing of gold watches and gold-rimmed spectacles out of harmony with the spirit of our Discipline and the Bible with regard to plainness of Christian attire. As Free Methodists we should carefully and conscientiously hold to the Bible standard of dress and not corrupt Christianity as we spread it.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GUTHRIE DISTRICT											
Guthrie and Campbell			\$ 21 21	\$ 1 30	\$ 230 94	\$ 46 21		1	\$ 2150		
Waterloo and Fairview				12	6 20	14 96	\$ 2 60				
Fallas, Oak Grove, Eagle Creek and Rossville				75	3 25	19 55					
Oklahoma City	\$ 25				265 00	17 48					
Norman							10 00				
Asher			4 20			3 74					
Pryor Creek						5 15					
Mounds				15		5 00					
ENID DISTRICT											
Enid and Garber			8 55	1 00	267 10	35 00	23 11	1	1500	1	\$ 500
Coldwater	\$ 1 51		14 40	1 20	400 00	41 16	58 25	1	1000		
Deer Creek and Satchel Valley			8 70	1 55	300 09	43 49	30 00			1	300
Gilbert and Jefferson	5 35		18 00	2 50	*360 00	58 63		1	1200	1	300
Hennessey and Waukomis			6 00	75	20 60	6 12	13 65				
PONCA DISTRICT											
Tonkawa, Maple Grove, Stony Point and Whiterock	3 65	4 80	26 88	1 95	401 50	68 68		2	2500	1	600
Shafter and Blackburn	1 60	62	10 34	1 75	250 32	50 28				1	300
Perry, Lone Elm and Star			13 80	75	206 14	34 70	3 00				
Agra and Mehan						9 00					
KINGFISHER DISTRICT											
Cashion and Bethel		6 60	47 93	4 05	346 00	66 40		2	2400	1	500
Geary, Watonga and Bridgeport		3 70	18 24	1 00	369 00	37 47		1	800	1	300
Taloga, Sefting, Lakeside, Camargo	50	15	10 00	1 65	182 52	30 92				1	300
Dyke, Fountain and Tivola			11 58	20	40 00	28 66		1	400		
CLEO DISTRICT											
Augusta, Wisby and Winchester		1 37	11 95	1 90	197 66	59 10		1	400		
Carwile, Ringwood and Ames			7 14	1 70	157 30	86 38				1	600
Dane and Isabella		1 57	13 66	1 25	126 41	26 00	4 00	1	600	1	35
Moscow and Rugby			7 20		114 00	31 47		1	625		
Paladin		1 53				9 07					
HOBERT DISTRICT											
Hobart, Lone Wolf, Granite and Sentinel					127 00	19 05	5 17				
Hefner and Poarch				80	*243 35	37 50	123 50				
Apache and Chickasha			8 94		147 56	25 00	9 25				
Total	\$12 61	\$19 02	\$ 261 26	\$26 32	\$4620 84	\$ 866 12	\$ 282 43	13	\$ 13575 10	\$ 3735	

*M. New \$30.50. *F. T. Anderson \$62.85.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

GUTHRIE, ENID, PONCA KINGFISHER CLEO AND HOBART DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members		Total	Local Preachers		Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers		Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken		Conference Claim-		General Superin-	Conference Mis-		General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society		Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Societ-ies	
		Members	Probationers		Probationers	Total		Local Preachers	Evangelists		Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claim-		General Superin-	Conference Mis-		General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society				Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Societ-ies
GUTHRIE DISTRICT																								
Guthrie and Campbell.....	T. H. Allen, District Elder	42	6	48	2	2	1	8	50	12	8	58	4	68	28	6	30	3	300	2	60	3	300	26
Waterloo and Fairview.....	J. L. Brown	15	15	15	2	2	1	1	6	5	3	63	1	98	3	3	3	3	300	2	60	3	300	26
Fallias, Oak Grove, Eagle Creek, etc	T. H. Allen	22	22	22	2	2	1	1	7	6	4	95	2	70	3	3	3	3	300	2	60	3	300	26
Oklahoma City.....	William Burkholder	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	4	25	1	40	2	72	7	3	3	3	300	2	60	3	300	26
Norman.....	T. H. Allen	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	4	25	1	40	2	72	7	3	3	3	300	2	60	3	300	26
Asher.....	E. M. Baker, supply	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	4	25	1	40	2	72	7	3	3	3	300	2	60	3	300	26
Pryor Creek.....	Samuel Dir.	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	4	25	1	40	2	72	7	3	3	3	300	2	60	3	300	26
Mounds.....	T. H. Allen.	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	4	25	1	40	2	72	7	3	3	3	300	2	60	3	300	26
ENID DISTRICT																								
Enid and Garber.....	T. H. Allen, District Elder	20	20	20	1	1	1	6	25	8	6	60	3	60	3	5	5	3	300	2	60	3	300	43
Coldwater.....	C. E. Carter, supply	19	19	19	2	2	1	7	35	9	7	92	4	30	3	3	3	3	300	2	60	3	300	43
Deer Creek and Satchel Valley.....	C. Matthey	32	32	32	4	4	2	14	60	9	10	23	5	68	7	3	3	3	300	2	60	3	300	87
Gilbert and Jefferson.....	N. Welch, P. Welch, sup.	50	50	50	9	9	1	8	45	8	16	50	9	0	12	6	6	4	300	2	60	3	300	155
Hennessey and Waukomis.....	J. N. Wright, supply.	14	14	14	1	1	3	3	3	4	95	2	70	2	70	2	2	2	300	2	60	3	300	155
PONCA DISTRICT																								
Tonkawa, Maple Grove, etc.....	T. H. Allen, District Elder	49	5	54	1	1	4	23	80	14	12	87	7	02	9	7	7	5	300	2	60	3	300	27
Shafter and Blackburn.....	E. D. Wells	26	1	27	1	1	1	8	40	5	11	55	6	30	8	7	5	5	300	2	60	3	300	39
Perry, Lone Elm and Star.....	G. M. Haddock	18	18	18	1	1	1	5	20	5	4	95	2	70	3	7	2	2	300	2	60	3	300	27
Agra and Mehan.....	M. Nen, supply	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	300	2	60	3	300	39
KINGFISHER DISTRICT																								
Cashion and Bethel.....	C. E. Harroun, Jr., Dist. Elder	74	5	79	1	1	2	12	130	25	26	73	14	58	20	25	12	15	8	10	3	300	27	
Geary, Watonga and Bridgeport.....	M. Wright	40	17	57	2	2	1	8	40	7	6	60	3	60	5	00	3	300	2	60	3	300	27	
Taloga, Selling, Lakeside, Camargo.....	Slade Freer.....	28	5	33	1	1	1	5	30	9	10	88	5	94	8	25	4	95	3	30	3	300	26	
Dyke, Fountain and Tivola.....	C. W. Van Trees	22	3	25	1	1	1	8	25	2	3	08	2	12	2	12	2	12	2	12	2	12	14	
CLEO DISTRICT																								
Augusta, Wisby and Winchester.....	C. E. Harroun, Jr., Dist. Elder	45	6	51	1	1	2	16	60	9	12	54	6	84	9	50	3	300	2	60	3	300	26	
Carwille, Ringwood and Ames.....	J. H. Isbell, supply.....	23	23	23	2	2	1	7	16	10	11	22	6	12	1	67	5	10	3	300	2	60	26	
Dane and Isabella.....	J. M. Culp, supply.....	23	23	23	1	1	1	4	20	6	8	25	5	50	6	25	3	75	2	50	3	300	14	
Moore and Rugby.....	E. N. Cobb, supply.....	47	3	50	1	1	1	7	32	5	5	00	5	00	1	00	1	40	1	00	1	40	14	
Paladin.....	W. F. McWilliams.....	7	2	9	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	
HOBART DISTRICT																								
Hobart, Lone Wolf, Granite, Sentinel.....	C. E. Harroun, Jr., Dist. Elder	8	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	
Heber and Pearch.....	C. E. Harroun, Jr.	31	18	49	2	2	1	5	16	4	5	44	2	88	2	25	2	40	1	60	2	40	40	
Apache and Chickasha.....	R. H. Shoup.....	18	2	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Total.....		704	82	786	25	11	24	105	749	181	191	94	108	69	122	20	88	27	57	50	3	6	85	\$281

ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT WEST PLAINS,
MISSOURI. SEPTEMBER 7-10, 1904

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*.

JAMES M. ROBERSON, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEES

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. Adams, A. Maxfield, W. D. Vaughan, J. M. Roberson.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. M. Roberson, president; R. Adams, secretary; A. Maxfield, treasurer; J. W. Alverson.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Foreign Missions and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents' Claim; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants. Preachers take the collections at the appointed time and send the money to Reuben Adams, West Plains, Missouri, who is conference treasurer.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. M. Roberson, A. Maxfield, R. Adams, W. C. Bostian.

DELEGATES

F. M. Elliott, J. W. Alverson, Emma Shumate, Perna Peebles,
H. A. Sulavan, Nancy Hamrick.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, J. M. Roberson
R. Adams, A. H. Chevalley, Perna Peebles.

3. None.

4. Who remain on trial? F. M. Showalters; W. F. Dallas and W. L. Warren
were discontinued at their own request.

5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? W. C. Bostian.

7, 8, 9. None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? N. T. Holcomb, su-
perannuated without claim.

11, 12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character
of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.

21, 22. None.

23. See statistical report.
 24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
 25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Vilonia, Arkansas, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1905, as will suit the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

FAIRPLAY DISTRICT—J. M. ROBERSON, District Elder, West Plains, Missouri.

Fairplay.....A. Maxfield, Fairplay, Missouri
 Springfield and Lebanon.....George Coffman, supply, Springfield, “

NEVADA DISTRICT—J. M. ROBERSON, District Elder.

Nevada and Virginia.....Colon J. Smith, supply, Schell City, Missouri
 Zodiac and Oak Grove.....George Sluthous, G. W. Sluthous, supplies, Zodiac, “
 Joplin and Webb City.....John G. Goshorn, supply
 Neosho.....Nancy Hamrick, supply, Neosho, “
 Phelps and Monett.....Eliza C. Witherspoon, Perna Peebles, supplies, Phelps, “

W. D. Vaughan, left without appointment, Nevada, Missouri, a member of Nevada district quarterly conference; J. M. Roberson, member of Nevada district quarterly conference.

WEST PLAINS DISTRICT—REUBEN ADAMS, District Elder, West Plains, Missouri.

West Plains and Mountain View.....To be supplied
 Mammoth Spring and Big Apple.....*A. H. Chevalley, *F. M. Elliott, supplies
 Reuben Adams, member West Plains quarterly conference.

BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICTS—REUBEN ADAMS, District Elder.

Vilona and Holland.....J. A. Chamblor, J. Talkington, supplies, Antioch, Arkansas
 Hot Springs.....B. C. Dewey, supply
 W. C. Bostian, conference evangelist, Box 6, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

HARRISON DISTRICT—REUBEN ADAMS, District Elder.

Harrison, Mt. Zion and Pleasant Ridge.....M. F. Showalters, supply
 N. T. Holcomb, superannuated without claim.

*Appointed by District Elder Reuben Adams.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

FAIRPLAY, NEVADA, WEST PLAINS, BEEBE AND HARRISON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society					
FAIRPLAY DISTRICT										20	1	1	20	1	1	20	1	1	20	1	1	20	1	1	20	1	1	20	1	1	20	
Fairplay and Springfield										Supplied																						
NEVADA DISTRICT										12	4	16	2	1	8	30	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Phelps and Monett										Eliza C. Witherspoon, supply																						
Joplin, Neosho and Webb City										Nancy Hamrick, supply																						
Zodiac and Oak Grove										G. W. Sluthour, supply																						
Nevada and Virginia										M. F. Showalter, G. W. Coulter, supply																						
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT										36	1	37	4	1																		
West Plains, Mt. View and Big Apple										R. Adams																						
Mammoth Spring																																
BEEBE DISTRICT										31	2	33	2	2	9	50	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Beebe and Antioch										J. M. Talkington																						
Villa										W. F. Dallas																						
Hot Springs										W. C. Bostian																						
HARRISON DISTRICT										26	1	27	1																			
Harrison and Pleasant Ridge										N. T. Holcomb																						
By collection at Conference																																
Total										279	23	302	18	7	8	41	297	46	\$ 42 25	\$ 47 31												

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
FAIRPLAY DISTRICT											
Fairplay and Springfield.....						\$ 6 88		1	\$ 600	1	\$ 300
NEVADA DISTRICT											
Phelps and Monett.....	\$ 2 65	\$ 1 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 55	\$ 175 00	41 62		1	600		
Joplin, Neosho and Webb City ..			9 00		58 14	15 50		1	600		
Zodiac and Oak Grove.....						38 35					
Nevada and Virginia.....			10 00		28 81	36 50					
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT											
West Plains, Mt. View, Big Apple...					75 00	20 00					
Mammoth Spring.....						20 00					
BEEBE DISTRICT											
Beebe and Antioch.....		1 00	4 00		12 65	11 00	\$ 10 00	1	250		
Vilonia.....			15 00		65 65	88 95					
Hot Springs.....		1 60	14 32		150 45	36 25	30 00	1	700		
HARRISON DISTRICT											
Harrison and Pleasant Ridge..					20 00	55 00					
						†60 00					
Total	\$ 2 65	\$ 3 60	\$ 60 32	\$ 55	\$ 585 70	\$ 546 05	\$ 40 00	5	\$ 2750	1	\$ 300

*From parsonage at Fairplay. †From general missionary board. Raised for tracts, 60 cents.

WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ALMENA,
KANSAS, AUGUST 17-21, 1904

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

LULU HIGGINS, *Secretary.*

C. H. MALIN, *Assistant Secretary.*

T. S. ATWELL, *Treasurer.*

J. E. OVERHOLT, *Assistant Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, J. H. Higgins, G. G. Kessell, G. Delimont.

On Sunday-schools—J. M. Young, A. J. Lunsford, Addie M. Baird.

On Reforms—J. S. Ogg, G. Delimont, E. M. Bachman.

On Publications—W. F. Cook, J. S. Ogg, J. H. Higgins.

On Education—R. C. Selander, G. G. Kessell, J. E. Overholt.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. M. Young, E. P. Robb, J. F. Blair.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Solicit Funds to Publish the Minutes—Addie M. Baird, Albert Grothans.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, J. H. Higgins, G. G. Kessell, T. F. Forbes, E. P. VanVranken.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. S. Ogg, A. C. Brown, J. H. Higgins, W. F. Cook, C. H. Malin.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. S. Ogg, president; Albert Grothans, secretary; J. H. Higgins, treasurer; J. S. Cornish; Moses Wright.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' Fund, Foreign Missions and Tracts; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—J. M. Young.

On Education—C. H. Malin.

On Reforms—W. F. Cook.

On Sunday-schools—R. C. Selander.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. S. Ogg,
F. S. Atwell,
R. B. Ralls,
J. W. McIrvin,
A. Helsel,
J. E. Overholt,
N. O. Swigart.

R. Trever,
E. P. Robb,
W. F. Cook,
C. H. Malin,
J. M. Young,
J. S. Cornish,

G. G. Kessell,
J. M. Reilly,
G. Delimont,
E. E. Miller,
W. E. Keener,
C. W. Long.

A. C. Brown,
R. C. Selander,
A. Steadwell,
J. H. Higgins,
J. Westwood,
H. B. Sutton,

DELEGATES

J. W. Atchison,	E. M. Bachman,	Albert Grothans,	M. J. Miller,
J. F. Blair,	A. J. Lunsford,	Addie M. Baird,	F. J. Rhoads,
F. A. Davis,	Denver Archer,	T. F. Forbes,	A. C. Anderson,
Moses Wright,	S. F. Helsel,	E. P. VanVranken,	Lulu Higgins,
J. D. Bailey,	Hunley Lovette,	D. G. Benton.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, J. H. Higgins, G. G. Kessell, T. F. Forbes, E. P. VanVranken.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? John Walton.

4. Who remain on trial? J. E. Crawford, C. Fisher, F. R. Vosburg, Harry Peacock.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. W. Long, H. B. Sutton.

6. Who are the deacons? W. E. Keener, J. Westwood, R. B. Ralls, F. R. Vosburg (local), *C. W. Long, *H. B. Sutton.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. H. Malin, J. E. Overholt, R. C. Selander.

8, 9. None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? E. E. Miller, R. Trever, E. P. Robb.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. S. Cornish, from the North Minnesota conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? G. G. Kessell, R. B. Ralls, J. M. Reilly, A. Steadwell, J. H. Brittain, N. C. Swigart, Harry Peacock, C. E. Carter, C. Fisher (on trial), given certificate of recommendation.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? R. Trever, \$125; E. E. Miller, \$50; E. P. Robb, \$45; child of J. H. Taylor, \$15. Total, \$235.

22, 23. No business.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? As near the middle of August, 1905, as will be convenient for the general superintendents; the place to be left to the judgment of the district elders.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-second annual session of the West Kansas conference was held at Almena, Kansas, in connection with a camp-meeting. General Superintendent W. T. Hogue presided over the conference and preached several times with power.

Several visiting brethren from the Platte River conference were present, also T. J. Gates of the West Iowa conference, and J. B. Lutz, who represented the publishing house.

Sister Agnew and Peter were with us and spoke at the missionary service on Sunday afternoon. At this service an offering of \$100 was taken, making over \$621 raised by the W. F. M. S. during the conference year.

*Ordained this year.

APPOINTMENTS

MANKATO DISTRICT—J. S. Ogg, District Elder, Osborne, Kansas.

Mankato.....	John Walton, Mankato, Kansas
Lebanon.....	R. C. Selander, Lebanon, "
Osborne.....	C. W. Long, Osborne, "
Glen Elder and Victor.....	A. J. Lunsford, supply, Glen Elder, "
Cuba.....	To be supplied
Concordia and Liberty Chapel.....	F. R. Vosburg, Concordia, "
Lincoln and Wilson.....	J. E. Overholt, Lincoln, "

R. Trever, E. P. Robb, superannuated; G. G. Kessell, given a certificate of standing with a view to transfer; J. S. Ogg, member of Mankato district quarterly conference.

ALMENA DISTRICT—J. S. Ogg, District Elder.

Almena.....	W. F. Cook, Almena, Kansas
Logan and Densmore.....	H. B. Sutton, Logan, "
Plainville and Hayes City.....	Josephine Bates, supply
Morland and Studley.....	F. A. Davis, supply, Hill City, "

J. M. Young, evangelist; E. E. Miller, superannuated; G. Delimont, left without appointment.

MACKSVILLE DISTRICT—J. H. Higgins, District Elder, Macksville, Kansas.

Macksville and St. John.....	J. E. Crawford, Macksville, Kansas
Great Bend and Larned.....	To be supplied
Pratt and Sawyer.....	E. P. VanVranken, supply, Pratt, "
Kingman and Cleveland.....	Clarence Dierdorf, supply, Kingman, "
Eden Valley and Iuka.....	C. H. Malin, Iuka, "
Mound Center and Sharon.....	J. W. McIrvin, Kiowa, "

A. Helsel, evangelist; J. Westwood, F. S. Atwell, A. C. Brown, R. H. Cline, W. E. Keener, left without appointment; J. H. Higgins, member of Macksville district quarterly conference.

NESS CITY DISTRICT—J. H. Higgins, District Elder.

Ness City, Beeler and Laurel.....	To be supplied
Leoti and Pendennis.....	E. P. Bell, supply, Leoti, Kansas
Wright and Cave.....	Dennis Benton, supply, Dodge City, "
Mullinville and Bethany.....	J. S. Cornish, Mullinville, "
Bucklin.....	D. N. Bowers, supply, Bucklin, "

R. B. Ralls, given a certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

LOCAL DEACONS

O. Archer.....	Densmore, Kansas	E. P. Van Vranken.....	Pratt, Kansas
T. Weir.....	Preston, "	F. A. Davis.....	Hill City, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

G. F. Snow.....	Almena, Kansas	T. F. Forbes.....	Almena, Kansas
Evan James.....	Osborne, "	W. R. Everly.....	Delphos, "
T. L. Kingsolver.....	Lebanon, "	T. Mellor.....	Lincoln, "
D. N. Bowers.....	Bucklin, "	D. G. Benton.....	Dodge City, "
Clarence Dierdorf.....		Kingman, Kansas	

EVANGELISTS

Dedah Burnap	Almena, Kansas	Salina Delimont	Almena, Kansas
Margaret Cook	Almena, "	Josephine Bates	Plainville, "
Viola Helsel	Iuka, "	Mattie Crawford	Macksville, "
Josephine Hill	Cawker City, "	Lurenda Bear	Wilson, "
Anna G. Hill	Sunnyside, Washington	Carrie E. Cline	Greenville, Illinois
Anna Fisher		Kathryn Ralls	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION.

We desire to speak first of education for our children; second of education for the ministry.

1. We are living in an age when great attention is being given to learning and many are being educated. Education has ever been a powerful factor in directing the affairs of men. Although there are many abuses of learning we must acknowledge the advantage of an education when it is sanctified to God. Examples of this are seen in Moses, Paul, Luther, Wesley, Roberts, Redfield and others. But education is not simply the development of the mind and muscles, but of the spiritual nature of man as well. We believe in first looking after the interests of the soul, then taking care of the body and after that caring for the development of the intellect. In our public schools and institutions of learning this spiritual part, the one of most importance, is greatly neglected.

The atmosphere of public schools is conducive to infidelity and we deeply deplore the fact that the Bible is almost, if not entirely excluded. No prayer is encouraged; in fact God is to a great extent shut out. Many parents among us have found to their sorrow that these influences have wrought so powerfully on their children as to counteract all their godly instructions. Their children have thus been lost to God and the church.

Many religious schools have been established by various denominations that apparently promised much better things. They use the Bible, giving it a prominent place in their studies. But they have so undermined the belief in its inspiration that its sacred histories are regarded as mere legends, and it is esteemed a fine piece of literature, but not as inspired of God. In fact, this "higher criticism" as it is called, is but refined infidelity of the worst kind.

We are glad to note, however, that the Free Methodist church has educational institutions that teach not only mental development but pure and undefiled religion both by precept and example. The Bible is honored as God's direct word to man and a holy atmosphere pervades the institutions that is well calculated to bring conviction to the sinner and a speedy conversion to God.

We note with pleasure that the Orleans Seminary in the adjoining conference on the north, is in better condition this year than ever before. The last enrollment exceeded that of any previous year, and the debt has been paid through the efforts of the various agents of the school, for which we praise God. We urge every Free Methodist family to stand by this school: (1) by giving to it of their means; (2) by sending their children there, even at great sacrifice if necessary; (3) by earnest prayer and supplication to God in its behalf.

2. We believe in an educated ministry, for we must study to show ourselves approved of God. But we must beware of placing too much stress on mental attainments. We note that Christ, in choosing his apostles, passed by the members of the Sanhedrin and the scribes, and chose his ministers from the common people.

Other churches have been wrecked right along the line of insisting upon scholarly attainments as a necessary qualification for the ministry, until the smart men, although destitute of the power of God, have gained control and crowded out, by rigid requirements in study, the plain old preachers that were successful in getting souls saved, but who lacked in scholarly attainments.

While we believe that education is the qualification for the ministry next to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we do not believe in putting a premium on a secondary qualification and thus discouraging those whom God honors. We deprecate the great hue and cry of this temporizing and worldly age: "Give us refined, educated and polished ministers, men that will take with the elite of society." We need to remember that, "not many mighty, not many noble are called," but God has chosen "the poor of this world" and it was the common people that heard Christ gladly.

We plead rather for preachers of fervent piety, men who will stand by the whole truth of God and declare it in love, though the heavens fall; men who can prevail with God in prayer; men who are baptized with the spirit of Christ and consumed with the unconquerable thirst for souls, souls which they must have or die. We understand, however, that

God places no premium on ignorance, and we strongly recommend that we as ministers make thorough preparations for our pulpit ministrations.

Erroneous doctrines and false issues abound everywhere and we need to know how to refute and expose them. As Adam Clarke said, "We need to study our sermons as though there was no God to help us, then preach our sermons as though there was nothing but God to depend upon."

II.—ON REFORMS.

Webster defines reform as "a change from bad to good," "to remove the evil."

This is a matter all should be interested in, for there are great blessings in reformation. Through reformation we have been brought out of darkness and degradation and misery, into the glorious experience of Christianity and the highest state of manhood. Thus we are made to love the cause of true Christianity, and to find in our hearts a desire to put away evil. But as we look over the religious, social and political world, we find much to be done yet. We see that the modern, popular type of religion is far below the Bible standard. It is the design of this great salvation to meet all the moral and spiritual necessities of our nature. The battle cry of every lover of Christ should be "Holiness unto the Lord."

James says, "Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is an enemy of God," and the Bible states that judgment must first begin at the house of God. We regret to see that worldliness in various forms is creeping in among us as a church and should it continue, sooner or later we shall lose the blessing of the Lord and his Holy Spirit, as have some others. Therefore, we urge our pastors to be diligent in enforcing the Discipline and in teaching our people from pulpit and in private the necessity of conforming to the instructions of Paul in regard to dress; to be careful to shun babbling and gossip; to speak ill of no man; to be sociable and speak a kind word to all at every opportunity; to keep the Sabbath day holy. We regard the Sabbath excursions and pleasure parties, all unnecessary Sabbath visiting, going to the postoffice for mail, etc., as a few of the many ways in which this law of God is being violated.

The liquor traffic is one of the gigantic evils that curses every part of the world. We see this monster making drunkards of the flower of mankind, making widows and orphans all around us, filling our penitentiaries and jails, painting the gallows with blood and sending thousands of souls to hell. We regard the church as being responsible for its continuance, for she has votes enough to forever annihilate the nuisance. Therefore, we urge our brethren in the ministry, our laity, and all who are interested in the welfare of humanity, to preach, pray and vote against it, until the cause of prohibition wins.

We believe all secret societies to be detrimental to our government, to society and to Christianity, morally, socially, spiritually and financially. As lovers of all mankind we feel called upon to use our influence against them, both by precept and example, and by the grace of God we will keep our covenant vow and endeavor to show men a more excellent way, i. e., the way of love.

We desire to call your attention to the fact that the Roman Catholic church is creeping slowly and stealthily to the front in our government, and endeavoring to bar the Bible out of our schools as has been the case in our sister state of Nebraska. She is trying to sail in among us under the cloak of Christianity and in this way seeks to gain our sympathies. But let us remember that those who hate the blessed Bible do not love Christ. Let us take no rest until we see the erroneous doctrines propagated by this church banished from our land, and the kingdom of our God established in righteousness and true holiness. We recommend our people to read the following books sold by our publishing house: "Facing the Twentieth Century," "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome."

We deplore the looseness of the laws in regard to marriage and divorce and feel that we need to warn the people of the danger that is before us. Let us ever regard marriage as a divine institution and remember the command in God's word that "Whatsoever God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

We call attention to the fact that our country is being searched over by unprincipled men and women, under contract with saloon keepers and immoral characters, to supply the city of St. Louis with a large number of pure girls to be used for immoral purposes during the World's Fair and that many are being enticed to that place under various pretexts and promises.

We urge our preachers to pay special attention to the children on their various charges. We regret that so many of the children of Free Methodists are not in the church and see great need of earnest effort in their behalf.

Finally, we believe it would lighten the work of the stewards and be beneficial to both laymen and preachers if our district elders would preach at least one sermon on tithing each year at each place where quarterly meetings are held.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The press is one of the leading factors of the present day for the enlightenment of the world, which may be productive of great good or great evil. It can be said of this age, "Of

making many books there is no end." As people will read, they must read, therefore proper matter must be furnished if we attain the end sought for, that of staunch Christian character.

The young mind can be trained to love good reading, or it can be destroyed by unwholesome literature. Now then we must furnish the good reading, which embodies the principles of the Bible, as we believe them. Whence shall this be procured otherwise than through our own publishing house, which is furnishing periodicals and standard religious works for both young and old. The *Free Methodist* is indispensable. Every family as represented in the church ought to have a copy and should read it regularly. The Sunday-school papers are excellent and if used will increase interest as well as instruction in any school.

The *Missionary Tidings* and *Earnest Christian* are worthy of our support. See also the fine collection of books brought to us each year by some representative from the publishing house, which are dispensed at such low rates and on easy terms so that all can purchase. Again advertising is necessary to the success of any business enterprise. Shall the world and blind guides be more energetic than we? We heartily endorse our publishing house, pledging ourselves to promote its interests first before all others. We thoroughly believe in the motives actuating our editors and business managers. Therefore we recommend a renewed effort on the part of all, and especially on the part of our ministers to place our periodicals in the homes of our people, our Sunday-school literature in our Sabbath-schools, and our hymn books, with the new issue of *Light and Life Song Book*, in all our societies.

IV.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Since it is a fact that ninety per cent. of the Christian world is saved under the age of twenty years, it behooves us, as followers of God, to bestir ourselves, manifesting the interest in our children that our blessed Master manifested in our salvation through the gift of his son, Jesus Christ.

Some one has asked the question, "Does the Christian world manifest as much interest and care in the salvation of their children as they do in the care and marketing of their hogs?" Beloveds, there is no place outside of the home where the children can be more powerfully influenced for Christ and the church than in the Sabbath-school. We feel moved to take the stand that the future safety of our blessed Zion depends on the training of children; hence we earnestly recommend that a greater effort be made by both pastor and parents in bringing our Sunday-schools to higher grounds than they hold at present; and we pray God to arouse our people from their state of indifference, and discourage Sunday engagements that take the children from the Sunday-school. Furthermore we would recommend Free Methodist Sunday-schools and Free Methodist literature for our children.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

MANKATO, ALMENA, MACKSVILLE AND NESS CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	General Superintendents' Claims	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
MANKATO DISTRICT																		
Mankato.....	G. G. Kessell, Dist. Elder	20	1	21	1	1	1	7	25	8	3.90	3.30	3.30	3.30	2.20	.....	5.00	.....
Lebanon.....	W. F. Cook	36	4	40	1	1	1	13	64	8	7.20	7.07	4.50	4.50	3.00	.....	13.02	.....
Osborne.....	R. C. Selander	38	1	39	1	1	1	13	36	9	10.60	7.20	6.00	6.00	4.00	.....	5.10	.....
Glen Elder, Cawker City and Victor.....	J. S. Ogg	27	2	29	1	1	1	8	35	10	7.60	4.14	3.45	3.45	2.30	.....	2.40	.....
Cuba.....	C. W. Long	14	3	17	1	1	1	5	18	4	5.61	3.06	2.55	2.55	1.70	.....	3.37	.....
Concordia and Liberty Chapel.....	John Walton, supply	23	2	25	1	1	1	5	23	11	7.25	3.95	3.30	3.30	2.20	.....	14.81	.....
Lincoln and Wilson.....	F. R. Vosburg	33	1	34	2	2	1	6	42	10	12.87	7.02	5.85	5.85	3.30	.....	3.37	.....
	H. B. Sutton	33	1	34	2	2	1	6	42	10	12.87	7.02	5.85	5.85	3.30	.....	14.81	.....
ALMENA DISTRICT																		
Almena.....	G. G. Kessell, Dist. Elder	33	1	34	2	2	2	13	60	10	11.02	5.22	4.85	4.85	2.30	.....	.....	.....
Logan and Denmore.....	G. Bellmont	66	7	73	2	2	1	13	105	5	13.02	9.00	7.50	7.50	5.00	.....	.....	.....
Paradise, Plainville, Asbury, Hayes City and Morland, Mt. Hope and Sheridan.....	J. E. Overholt	17	1	18	1	1	1	6	4	4	2.70	2.70	1.35	1.35	1.30	.....	.....	.....
	Ernest Bell, supply	9	1	10	1	1	1	.....	.....	8	2.97	1.71	1.35	1.35	.....	.....	2.00	.....
MACKSVILLE DISTRICT																		
Macksville and St. John.....	J. H. Higgins, Dist. Elder	34	6	40	1	1	2	8	35	7	11.55	6.30	5.25	5.25	3.50	.....	.....	.....
Grand Rapids and Larned.....	J. W. Melvin	7	3	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3.30	1.80	1.50	1.50	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Pratt and Sawyer.....	D. N. Powers, supply	11	5	16	2	2	.....	.....	.....	4	2.64	1.44	1.20	1.20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Klingman and Tripp.....	Harry Pesceck	18	1	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	8.87	2.70	2.55	2.55	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eden Valley and Inka.....	G. H. Malin	51	5	56	1	1	1	12	74	17	19.14	10.43	8.70	8.70	5.80	.....	1.16	.....
Mound Center and Sharon.....	C. Fisher, Anna Fisher, sup.	36	6	42	1	1	1	7	30	12	8.25	4.50	6.75	6.75	2.00	.....	5.70	.....
	J. H. Higgins, Dist. Elder	34	1	35	1	1	1	6	30	4	4.90	5.08	4.65	4.65	.....	.....	3.00	.....
Ness City, Laurel and Leoti.....	J. Westwood, D. G. Benton, sup.	34	1	35	1	1	1	6	30	4	4.90	5.08	4.65	4.65	.....	.....	1.50	.....
Mullinville and Wilburn.....	E. P. Robb	24	6	30	1	1	1	4	25	8	10.85	5.53	4.65	4.65	3.10	.....	.....	.....
Bucklin.....	J. E. Crawford	23	1	24	1	1	1	10	35	5	9.57	5.22	4.35	4.35	.....	.....	3.00	.....
Raised by collection at conference.....	R. B. Ralls	23	1	24	1	1	1	10	35	5	9.57	5.22	4.35	4.35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		582	51	633	16	14	24	132	827	157	\$ 187.11	\$ 102.18	\$ 86.70	\$ 85.03	\$ 56.80		\$ 59.06	\$921.05

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
MANKATO DISTRICT											
Mankato.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 75	\$ 5 46	\$ 1 10	\$ 325 00	\$ 44 96	\$ 21 70	1	\$ 800	1	\$ 400
Lebanon.....	2 40	.....	39 14	1 50	360 99	56 00	39 28	1	1050	1	600
Osborne.....	.....	.....	12 52	2 00	396 00	42 43	17 40	2	1200	1	800
Glen Elder, Cawker City and Victor	1 51	4 30	16 95	1 15	330 20	37 65	2 35	2	1300	1	400
Cuba.....	.....	2 59	11 34	85	253 27	37 25	48 49	1	1000	1	500
Concordia and Liberty Chapel	75	50	19 00	1 10	367 95	36 00	28 60	2	2000	.....	.....
Lincoln and Wilson.....	50	.....	19 31	1 95	215 00	33 97	.....	2	1000	2	850
ALMENA DISTRICT											
Almena.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	260 00	55 69	.....	1	800	1	300
Logan and Densmore.....	.....	1 00	21 00	2 50	360 00	66 15	3 84	2	1150	.....	.....
Paradise, Plainville, Asbury and Hayes City	.....	.....	4 48	10	77 75	10 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morland, Mt. Hope and Sheridan	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 10	28 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MACKSVILLE DISTRICT											
Macksville and St. John	.....	.....	13 00	1 85	360 00	41 50	46 60	1	1200	1	800
Great Bend and Larned	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	18 52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pratt and Sawyer.....	.....	.....	.....	40	50 00	19 62	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kingman and Tripp.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170 95	34 58	17 00	.....	.....	1	300
Eden Valley and Iuka.....	2 30	.....	35 78	2 90	437 10	65 62	.....	1	800	1	400
Mound Center and Sharon.....	1 50	1 50	18 27	1 25	295 93	44 54	31 20	.....	.....	1	400
NESS CITY DISTRICT											
Ness City, Laurel and Leoti.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	291 20	34 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wright and Wilburn.....	.....	1 00	8 72	45	225 00	26 03	6 76	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mullinville and Bethany	.....	.....	6 98	1 55	288 00	33 17	14 65	1	1000	1	400
Bucklin.....	35	3 55	18 71	1 45	379 81	40 47	46 35	1	1000	1	700
Raised by collection at conference.....	.....	.....	.....	5 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$11 31	\$16 19	\$ 250 66	\$28 45	\$5463 25	\$ 805 11	\$ 354 22	18	\$ 14300	14	\$ 6850

Raised for tracts, \$3.60.

IOWA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT FAIRFIELD
IOWA, AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 3, 1904.

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

W. W. VINSON, *Secretary.*

J. P. DOUD, *Assistant Secretary.*

E. J. FISH, *Statistical Secretary.*

J. W. E. AMBROSE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellow, C. W. Carnes, G. A. Anderson, W. E. Stuart.

On Publications—H. S. Stuart, J. W. E. Ambrose, M. Besh.

On Reforms—J. Q. Murray, W. C. Houts, J. K. Cathcart.

On State of the Work—C. W. Carnes, G. A. Anderson, E. E. Hall.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. S. Booton, Luke Scriptor, C. Schantz.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Sunday-schools—L. Rubardt, L. Mendenhall, Charles Goodspeed.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. A. Clark.

On Education—J. Moran, E. J. Fish, Fannie Hopkins.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellow, C. W. Carnes, E. E. Hall, M. Besh, J. K. Cathcart.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. W. Vinson, for five years; E. E. Hall, for four years; G. A. Anderson, for three years; J. P. Doud, for two years; C. W. Carnes, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. E. Hall, president; J. P. Doud, secretary; L. A. Nicklin, C. W. Carnes, M. Besh.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Home Missions (10 cents per member), and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents' Salary; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund and Permanent Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. C. Thompson,
L. W. Rubardt,
G. A. Anderson,
W. E. DeHarppart,
E. J. Fish,
E. E. Dalby,
E. A. Clark,

J. C. Long,
C. W. Carnes,
W. C. Houts,
W. J. Trimble,
J. W. E. Ambrose,
Luke Scriptor,
H. A. Dalrymple.

L. Mendenhall,
J. P. Doud,
J. S. Booton,
H. S. Stewart,
T. M. Fenwick,
W. E. Stuart,

E. E. Hall,
J. Q. Murray,
J. Moran,
J. W. White,
W. W. Vinson,
G. G. Booton,

DELEGATES

Charles Goodspeed,
A. J. Eslinger,
Joseph Farley,
G. W. Chapman,
Charles Linder,

H. N. Dickson,
Mary Eldridge,
Fannie Hopkins,
L. A. Nicklin,
Eva Wymore,

M. Besh,
Martin Hardsoeg,
J. K. Cathcart,
Henry Hepker,
John Berkey,

Katie Holmes,
C. Schantz,
Hattie E. Casebeer,
S. S. Stewart,
George Manning.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, C. W. Carnes, G. A. Anderson, S. S. Stewart, M. Besh.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. F. Samuelson.
4. Who remain on trial? Perry E. Morgan, F. M. Smith.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? E. E. Dalby, G. G. Booton, E. A. Clark, H. A. Dalrymple.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? T. M. Fenwick.
8. Who have located this year? W. A. Whitlock, W. E. Boger.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. S. Stuart, W. E. Stewart.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. C. Long, W. C. Thompson, L. Mendenhall, L. W. Rubardt.
- 11, 12, 15. None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? John Moran.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. C. Thompson, \$125; J. C. Long, \$45; L. W. Rubardt, \$50. Total, \$220.
- 22, 23. See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Centerville, Iowa, as near the second Wednesday in September, 1905, as the plans of the general superintendents will permit.

APPOINTMENTS

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT—W. W. VINSON, District Elder, 914 South Tenth street, Burlington, Iowa.

Fairfield and Hickory Ridge.....	T. M. Fenwick, Fairfield, Iowa
Birmingham and Oak Grove.....	W. C. Houts, Birmingham, "
Lockridge, Coalport and Mt. Zion, J. H. Grovier, Phoebe Grovier, supplies, Lockridge, "	
Ottumwa.....	W. E. DeHarpport, Ottumwa, "
Eldon, White Elm, Bethel and Pleasant View.....	E. J. Fish, Eldon, "

L. Mendenhall, superannuated; W. E. Stuart, supernumerary; J. Q. Murray, evangelist.

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT—W. W. VINSON, District Elder.

Centerville and Cincinnati....	{ J. W. White, 814 South Fifteenth street, Centerville, Iowa
	{ One to be supplied.
Brompton	Perry E. Morgan, Nellie Morgan, supply, R. F. D., No. 2, Blakesburg, "
Wayne County Mission .	T. J. Fuller, supply, 710 South Nineteenth street, Centerville, "

W. A. Whitlock, located at his own request.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—W. W. VINSON, District Elder.

Burlington, South Hill and North Hill.....	E. A. Clark, 818 Arch street, Burlington, Iowa
Morning Sun.....	G. G. Booton, Morning Sun, "

W. W. Bates, transferred to Kentucky and Tennessee conference.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT—G. A. ANDERSON, District Elder, Walker, Iowa.

Knoxville and Flagler Chapel.....	J. P. Doud, Knoxville, Iowa
Des Moines.....	Robert Earl, supply, Indianola, "

Newton and Metz J. S. Booton, Newton, Iowa
 Barnes City and Riggs To be supplied
 Rose Hill and Oskaloosa Frank M. Smith, Rose Hill, "
 Sigourney, Delta and Whatcheer P. J. Bentley, supply, Sigourney, "
 Ackworth, Chariton, Mason and Summerset Luke Scriptor, Ackworth, "
 J. C. Long, superannuated; H. S. Stewart, supernumerary; E. E. Dalby, left without appointment.

CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT—G. A. ANDERSON, District Elder.

Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Dunkerton E. N. Miller, supply, Cedar Falls, Iowa
 Conrad and Radcliffe E. F. Samuelson, Conrad, "
 L. W. Rubardt, superannuated; John Moran, given a certificate of transfer.

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT—G. A. ANDERSON, District Elder.

Cedar Rapids J. W. E. Ambrose, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 Toddville, No. 1 and Marion C. W. Carnes, Marion, Iowa; one to be supplied
 Maquoketa, Ironhills, Monmouth } W. J. Trimble, Maquoketa, "
 and De Wett } One to be supplied
 Walker and Cedar Ridge H. A. Dalrymple, Walker, "
 E. E. Hall, evangelist; W. C. Thompson, superannuated.

EVANGELISTS

Belle Vinson,	Howard Durfee,	J. H. Grovier,	Etta Murray,
Cordelia Peterson,	Phoebe Grovier,	Grace Damon.	

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-first session of the Iowa conference was held in the Free Methodist church in Fairfield, Iowa, August 31-September 3, 1904. General Superintendent W. A. Sellev presided with great acceptability. G. A. Anderson and W. W. Vinson were elected traveling district elders, on the first and second ballots, respectively. W. A. Sellev preached four times and W. E. DeHarppart, E. Ballenger, F. I. Waters, E. N. Miller once each. Rev. E. Ballenger, of the Nebraska conference, Rev. C. R. Ebey, of the Southern California conference, Rev. A. C. Damon, of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference, Prof. N. B. Ghormley, of Orleans Seminary, were invited to honorary seats. Rev. T. M. Fenwick was ordained elder on Sabbath afternoon.

A profitable educational meeting was held Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. E. Ballenger and Prof. N. B. Ghormley. About \$70 was raised for the new building at Westington Springs Seminary.

Sister Agnew and "Peter" were present and conducted an interesting missionary meeting under the auspices of the conference W. F. M. S., raising \$100 in cash and subscriptions.

The slight deficiencies in the conference claims were met in full. This session of the conference was considered one of the best of late years.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$244.53.
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$133.38.
 GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$111.15.
 CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed and paid, \$74.10.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$5.00.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$14.45.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS.—\$52.66.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$60.27.

The following appropriations were made: Perry E. Morgan, \$10; T. M. Fenwick, \$10; C. W. Carnes, \$15; Luke Scriptor, \$7.50; W. E. DeHarppart, \$7.50; E. J. Fish, \$5; H. A. Dalrymple, \$5.27. Total, \$60.27.

II.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

First of all, we feel grateful to God for his mercy and the many blessings he has bestowed upon us during the past year. But we feel greatly humiliated as we look over the results of the year, hear the reports from the different circuits and note the loss of membership.

Again we would call attention to the fact that our work is suffering from the lack of a deep, heartfelt interest on the part of many of our preachers. Some are dividing their time and efforts between secular work and the work of God. Brethren, once more we call attention to your covenant vows with God and the church that you would devote all of your time to the work of the ministry. Neither is the laity free from blame on this line. Some of our noblest preachers have been discouraged and disheartened because the members have not manifested a proper interest in the work of the church.

Brethren, let us humble ourselves in sackcloth and ashes and ask God to forgive our negligence and beseech him to help us in the future. However, we should not give up to discouragement for God still lives to answer prayer and give us the victory. Let us go from this conference with a renewed determination to see a revival on every circuit.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

Man is a being of a three-fold nature—physical, mental and spiritual. Each of these represents a want that must in some measure be satisfied to meet, approximately at least, God's ideal of man.

The physical powers of man, as we well know, if allowed to remain dormant, will soon become weak and useless, while if used and exercised will form a strong and well developed body, the tabernacle of the Holy Ghost.

God has endowed man with mental powers as well as physical, and he intends that we should develop them as well, for our minds are the custodians of all doctrines pertaining to our spiritual life.

All spiritual attainments are received directly from God, but the development of our mind is a potent factor in God's hands to further his cause. While spiritual attainments are indispensable to success in God's work, coupled with education they would be a much more potent factor in his hand.

Ours is an age of education. In all the vocations of life educated men are given the preference, as they are the more efficient.

As a church, we look upon the work of God as the highest, and believe we ought to encourage the highest mental qualifications as a means of promoting the work of God. Our public schools afford an opportunity to secure, at least, the foundations of a good education, so there is no excuse for ignorance. We take pleasure in recommending Greenville College and our seminaries as places where our young people may secure an education under the best Christian influences, where not only the intellect is trained but also the moral and spiritual natures as well, for no education is complete that neglects the moral and spiritual training of our natures.

We cannot expect our children to be Free Methodists when educated in other schools. It is the sense of this conference that our schools should have a larger patronage of both students and money from our people.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

We, your committee on reforms, are specially desirous of calling the renewed attention of the Iowa conference to the importance of those special evils which have for years menaced our work, viz.: Romanism, Mormonism, Secrecy, Formalism, etc. We do hereby declare continued war on the same, ever feeling that the cause we have espoused is a worthy one, and that consequently we are under moral obligations to adhere to those great principles which make men free. We would recommend that each pastor preach at least once a year on the subject.

1. **DIVINE WORSHIP.**—There is a seeming necessity of calling your attention to the importance of regular attendance on public worship, and especially that of the class meeting. The Sunday-school is not attended as it should be. The increased attendance on the part of the church would prove to be a blessing and help, not only to the society, but would be a source of great encouragement to the pastor. We, therefore, urge the importance of our class leader holding strictly to the Discipline, and at least once a month hold a closed door class, and see every member in the class as often as possible.

2. **WORLDLINESS.**—There seems to be a growing tendency among some of our people toward worldly conformity. Worldliness manifests itself, not only in dress and adornment, but in many other ways. Now is no time to let the bars down along this line. Let our preachers frequently preach on this subject, and see that our rules are strictly, but lovingly enforced.

3. **SABBATH DESECRATION.**—We believe the Sabbath to be a day of divine origin.

Therefore, the command to "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" is obligatory upon all. We insist that all our people in pulpit and pew lift up their voice in warning against such desecration of God's holy day as base ball playing, horse racing, band concerts, railroad excursions, running of ice and milk wagons, open stores, Sabbath visiting, reading secular Sunday papers, and such things as are generally practised through our land, and especially in our cities. Therefore, let us pray that God may hasten the time when the observance of the Sabbath may be universally kept by the Church and state.

4. PROHIBITION.—We are glad to say that we, as a church, are Prohibitionists, and cannot sanction the accursed liquor traffic by license, high, or low, nor by casting our vote with a party that sanctions or gives place to the accursed thing, without sin. Therefore, we, as a conference of Christians bound together by the bonds of Christian love and fellowship, are in favor of prohibiting by law the manufacture, importation and sale of all kinds of intoxicating liquors, and that as a conference and people, pledge ourselves by our influence, prayers, means, and by casting our ballot with the only party (Prohibition) that will not sanction or legalize this accursed traffic.

V.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We believe the strictest attention possible should be given to this department of our church work. In order to have a successful school in every way parents should work with and be in harmony with the pastor and the teachers by themselves attending with their children promptly at the opening exercises. The lack of parents getting their children there on time, and absenting themselves, has ruined many a school. We need a great revival on these lines. It is estimated that ninety per cent. of the people converted have been converted under twenty years of age; and this was due, largely, through impressions received in childhood.

The Sunday-school requisites now to be had at our publishing house are of the very best, which, if used, will aid materially in making a model school. Libraries, blackboards, maps, cards and papers, the Home Department, Cradle Roll, Temperance, Roll of Honor, etc., are things that will help to make a school interesting.

Let us then rally to this Sunday-school work, and double our diligence to save our children to the church and to heaven, and secure for them the most proficient teachers and workers possible.

VI.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The press is a powerful educator and the pen is mightier than the sword. Thus every church organization that aims at any great work has its publications. Their influence and success depend very largely on the extent of their circulation. In the matter of useful publications our church publications are second to none, and we heartily recommend them to the careful perusal of all our members and friends. The *Free Methodist* especially should have a place in every home. It always brings strength to Christian character and inspiration to holy living. It also keeps its readers in touch with all the work of the church.

Our Sunday-school literature is the very best. We would also mention the *Missionary Tidings*, the *Earnest Christian*, the *Olive Branch*, the *Free Gospel Banner*, by J. H. Flower, and the *Pilgrim's Banner*, published especially in the interest of the Iowa and West Iowa conferences. All of these various publications we present to the members within the bounds of this conference as wholesome and helpful literature; and we earnestly hope their circulation will be greatly increased among us during the coming year.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

FAIRFIELD, CENTERVILLE, KNOXVILLE, BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS AND CEDAR FALLS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	General Superintendents' Claims	Missions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Societies
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT	C. W. Carnes, District Elder	45	...	45	5	1	12	40	9	\$ 17 82	\$ 8 72	\$ 2 60	\$ 8 10	\$ 5 40	...	...	\$ 11 00
	W. E. Stuart.....	49	...	49	3	22	75	10	13	40	7 32	4 07	6 10	4 07	...	...	16 00
	H. A. Dairymple.....	13	...	13	1	5	15	3	5	61	3 06	1 70	2 55	1 70	...	\$ 2 31	...
	J. Q. Murray.....	53	2	55	1	4	23	95	13	16	52	10 44	5 80	8 50	...	8 50	...
	E. A. Clark.....	41	1	42	1	3	2	16	86	5	12	54	6 84	3 80	...	6 00	...
CENTERVILLE DISTRICT	C. W. Carnes, District Elder	13	...	13	1	1	4	22	6	46	3 24	1 80	2 70	1 80	...	16 00	9 00
	J. W. White.....	11	...	11	1	2	...	...	2	2	97	1 62	1 35	1 90	...	1 00	3 91
	Perry E. Morgan.....																
	J. H. Grovier.....																
	G. A. Anderson, Dist. Elder																
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT	J. P. Doud.....	38	1	39	1	6	45	11	6	12	54	6 84	3 80	3 70	3 80	14 00	17 00
	Rose Hill, Whatcheer and Delta.....	30	...	30	1	2	10	40	9	6	59	3 60	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 85	...
	Actworth and Summerset.....	33	6	39	3	2	15	60	6	10	23	5 58	4 65	3 10	3 11	3 00	...
	Barnes City and Biggs.....	18	...	18	1	5	25	3	7	22	3 47	1 90	2 85	1 90	...	5 00	8 00
	Newton.....	27	1	28	1	1	6	35	8	8	91	4 86	2 70	4 05	2 70	5 00	...
BURLINGTON DISTRICT	W. E. DeFarpart.....	14	...	14	1	1	...	46	3	3	00	1 40	3 00	1 40	...	...	...
	Des Moines.....	7	1	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Oskaloosa.....	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Charlton and Mason.....																
	G. A. Anderson, supply.....																
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT	C. W. Carnes, District Elder	47	7	54	3	2	...	65	8	17	49	9 54	2 30	7 95	5 30	...	7 75
	W. W. Vinson.....	29	...	29	1	1	7	25	7	9	90	5 40	3 00	4 50	1 20	...	...
	G. G. Booton.....																
	G. A. Anderson, Dist. Elder	39	4	43	2	1	12	55	7	12	87	7 02	3 90	5 85	3 90	2 66	...
	J. W. E. Ambrose.....	60	8	68	1	2	13	113	4	18	01	10 62	2 00	8 85	5 90	...	...
CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT	G. A. Anderson, supply.....																...
	Toddville and No. 1.....	52	1	53	1	3	16	100	16	17	16	9 36	5 20	7 80	5 20	...	8 00
	Maquoketa, Monmouth Iron Hill, De Witt and Cedar Town.....	29	5	34	1	2	11	45	6	9	57	5 22	2 90	4 35	2 90	...	...
	Walker and Cedar Ridge.....																...
	G. A. Anderson, Dist. Elder	34	3	37	1	2	12	50	12	12	87	7 02	3 90	5 85	3 90	5 00	...
Total.....	John Moran.....	18	...	18	2	2	9	35	10	11	55	6 30	3 50	3 50	...	6 34	...
	G. A. Anderson, supply.....	708	40	748	25	12	36	204	1342	158	\$ 237 89	\$ 128 67	\$ 63 82	\$ 105 20	\$ 70 18	\$ 71 66	\$ 80 66

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT											
Fairfield and Hickory Ridge.....		\$ 50	\$ 28 54	\$ 47	\$ 374 00	\$ 76 00	\$ 48 06	1	\$ 1700	1	\$ 800
Birmingham, Oak Grove, Coal Port, and Mt. Zion.....			18 00	2 04	370 52	75 60		4	2500	2	1000
Ottumwa.....			13 00		465 00	21 00		1	1000	1	1150
Elden, Pleasant View, White Elm and Bethel.....			21 26		306 58	81 20	39 75	3	2000	1	600
CENTERVILLE DISTRICT											
Centerville.....	\$ 1 00	1 00	34 68		300 40	53 20	10 00	1	1000	1	600
Brompton.....			14 86		230 86	28 95		1	800		
Wayne County Mission.....	2 00	2 00		45	153 46	17 34	7 85				
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT											
Knoxville and Peaceful Chapel.....		3 60	20 00	1 90	403 00	53 20	14 00	2	1600	1	1000
Rose Hill, Whatcheer and Delta.....			7 70	1 00	319 45	38 16	3 45	3	2000	2	1000
Ackworth and Summerset.....			15 83	1 55	49 14	43 41	16 00	1	800	1	550
Barnes City and Riggs.....			6 70		197 00	27 00	9 22	1	700	1	400
Newton.....		3 00	12 00	1 35	250 00	40 35	53 01	1	1200	1	1000
Des Moines.....			31 95	2 00	113 00						
Oskaloosa.....						4 45					
Chariton and Mason.....							30 88	1	200		
BURLINGTON DISTRICT											
Burlington.....			37 26	2 65	500 00	74 20		2	6500	2	3500
Morning Sun.....			25 00		350 00	49 60		1	800	1	600
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT											
Cedar Rapids and Marion.....		2 50	39 20	1 95	430 80	47 45		2	2000	1	600
Toddville and No. 1.....		3 75		2 95	162 70	70 80	30 00	2	2000		
Maquoketa, Monmouth, Iron Hill, Dewitt and Crabtown.....		1 10	44 55	2 60	300 00	62 40	12 00	5	5000	1	300
Walker and Cedar Ridge.....			20 00	1 45	300 00	39 35	20 00	2	1800	1	1000
CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT											
Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Dunkerton..			33 60	1 95	470 00	61 36		2	3000	2	2000
Radcliffe and Conrad.....			40 02	1 75	247 00	44 33	13 30	2	2800	2	1800
Total.....	\$ 3 00	\$17 45	\$ 464 15	\$26 06	\$6292 91	\$1009 35	\$ 307 61	38	\$ 39400	22	\$21700

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- On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—M. O. Coates, T. L. Fletcher.
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- On Sabbath-schools—David Allan, T. A. Drury, Ellen Bailey.
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- On Reforms—M. O. Coates, David Allan, George B. Teal.
- On State of the Work—The district elders.
- On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
- On Raising Funds to Publish the Minutes—David Allan.
- On Conference Missions and Missionary Appropriations—A. H. Norrrington, J. M. Eagle, W. H. Wilson.
- On Evangelist Benefit Fund—W. H. Wilson, A. H. Norrrington, J. M. Eagle, T. A. Drury.
- To Receive Conference Claimants' and Permanent Fund—J. M. Eagle.
- To Receive Church Extension, General Mission and General Superintendents' Funds—A. H. Norrrington.
- To Receive and Disburse Preachers' and Delegates' Expenses to Annual Conference—A. H. Norrrington, M. O. Coates, J. M. Eagle.
- To Settle with Claimants—J. M. Eagle.
- To Confer with the East Ontario Conference in View of Founding a Seminary in Canada—T. A. Drury.
- To Secure Blank Deeds—J. M. Eagle.

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On Education—W. H. Wilson.

On Sabbath-schools—F. M. Wees.

On Reforms—T. A. Drury.

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ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, (1) General Superintendents' Salaries, (2) General Missions; second quarter, (1) Conference Missions (25 cents per member), (2) Permanent Fund (5 cents per member); third quarter, (1) Preachers' and Delegates' Expenses to Annual Conference (20 cents per member), (2) Church Extension; fourth quarter, (1) Conference Claimants', (2) Evangelists' Benefit Fund (free-will offering).

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. H. Wilson,	A. H. Norrington,	J. M. Eagle,	R. Hamilton,
T. A. Drury,	M. S. Benn,	John Timbers,	David Allan,
F. M. Wees,	W. R. Pattison,	T. L. Fletcher,	M. O. Coates,
J. H. Winter,	Ira Brown,	J. A. Fletcher,	Samuel Rogers.

DELEGATES

Crawford Baird,	Henry Mellor,	Rufus Stuart,	George Hoffman,
Loren Hicks,	Harry Newham,	Joseph Milton,	George B. Teal,
Culever Cosby,	George Toole,	George Moore,	Simeon Bock,
Della Jansen,	John E. Peach,	Cicely Liffield,	Ellen Bailey,
William Miller,	Josephus Harris,	Edwin DeMille,	John White.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, T. A. Drury, A. H. Norrington, J. M. Eagle, T. S. Moorhouse, R. Stuart, George Toole.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? James E. Ayre, John W. Winans, Byron E. Stevenson, Henry G. Kent.

4. Who remain on trial? R. A. Coates, E. E. Loveless, George Evans, L. H. Iles, A. E. Haley, Charles Dierks.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. A. Fletcher, Ira Brown, J. W. Haley.

6. Who are the deacons? David Allan, Robert Hamilton, T. L. Fletcher, John Timbers, F. M. Wees, M. O. Coates, J. H. Winter, *Ira Brown, *John A. Fletcher.

7. Who have been elected elders this year (not ordained as they were not present)? J. W. Haley, F. M. Wees.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? R. Hamilton, W. R. Pattison, T. A. Drury, J. H. Winter.

10. None.

*Ordained this year.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? Charles Dierks, a probationer from the Eastern Ontario conference.
- 12, 13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. None.
- 16-20. See statistical reports.
21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$115.
- 22, 23. No business.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Sarnia, Ontario, as near the second week in September, 1905, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendent holding the same.

MISCELLANEOUS

Four very harmonious sittings were held. This was the largest in attendance, and throughout one of the best sessions since the conference was organized. Our senior superintendent, E. P. Hart, presided, and preached twice to the edification of the saints. Four preachers were taken into the conference on trial, four elected to deacon's orders and two to elder's orders. Over four hundred dollars was taken in cash and subscriptions at the morning service, towards building a parsonage in Brantford, and \$60.68 for China mission, at a meeting held by Miss Clara Leffingwell, Sunday afternoon. The treasurer of the W. F. M. S. reported that \$966.24 had been raised during the year for foreign missions. In the absence of District Elder W. H. Wilson, Rev. T. A. Drury was elected to represent the Manitoba and Northwest district on the stationing committee.

APPOINTMENTS

HAMILTON DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder, Welland, Ontario.

Hamilton.....	To be supplied
Hannon.....	H. G. Kent, Hannon, Ontario
Kimbo, Caistor Centre and Grimsby.....	M. O. Coates, Kimbo, "
Canboro and Attercliffe.....	T. L. Fletcher, Canboro, "
Ridgeway.....	Daniel Toole, Hattie Toole, supplies, Ridgway, "
Fort Erie.....	Matilda Sipprell, Delia Sinden, supplies, Fort Erie, "
Niagara Falls.....	J. H. Roberts, supply, Niagara Falls, "
Welland and Wainfleet.....	Mary T. Clink, supply, Welland, "

T. A. Drury, supernumerary, Beamsville, Ontario; quarterly conference relations of J. M. Eagle are fixed on the Hamilton district.

BRANTFORD DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder.

Brantford.....	Samuel Rogers, 82 Albion street, Brantford, Ontario
Kelvin and Norwich.....	H. C. Freemantle, supply, Kelvin, "
Galt.....	M. S. Benn, Galt, "

J. H. Winter, supernumerary, Galt, Ontario.

SARNIA DISTRICT—A. H. NORRINGTON, District Elder.

Sarnia.....	David Allan, Sarnia, Ontario
Terminus, Thornyhurst } and Bickford }	{ J. A. Hamilton, supply, Terminus, " One to be supplied.
Thedford and Klondyke.....	J. A. Fletcher, Thedford, "
Dawn Mills and Thorncliffe.....	J. W. Winans, Dawn Mills, "
Charlemont.....	B. E. Stevenson, Charlemont, "
Zion, Oakdale and Ousley.....	George Evans, Oakdale, "
Wyoming.....	Anna Botting, Anna Wilson, supplies, Wyoming, "
Middlemiss.....	J. E. Ayer, Middlemiss, "

Fort William and Hymers..... A. E. Haley, Fort William, Ontario
 Grey County Mission..... Ira Brown
 W. R. Pattison, supernumerary; John Timbers, left without appointment to attend
 Spring Arbor Seminary; quarterly conference relations of A. H. Norrington are fixed on
 the Sarnia district.

TILSONBURG DISTRICT—A. H. NORRINGTON, District Elder.

Ebenezer and Otterville L. H. Iles, Tilsonburg, Ontario
 Walsingham..... E. E. Loveless, Walsingham, "
 Houghton and Marston..... R. A. Coates

**MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST DISTRICT—W. H. WILSON, District Elder,
 Moose Jaw, Assiniboia.**

Moose Jaw and Fairville To be supplied
 West View, Grand Prairie, Lake Valley and Caron..... F. M. Wees, Caron, Assiniboia
 Roseview and Goudy schoolhouse..... Charles Dierks, Roseview, "
 Ebenezer H. A. Hurlburt, supply, Sinteluta, "
 Long Lake Mission..... J. B. Newville, supply
 Robert Hamilton, supernumerary; J. W. Haley, missionary to Africa.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
HAMILTON DISTRICT											
Hamilton.....			\$ 12 66	\$ 60		\$ 20 77					
Hannon.....			10 04	1 40	\$ 330 00	48 98		1	1000	1	\$ 600
Kimbo and Grimsby.....			4 00	1 40	125 00	32 19		1	800		
Canboro, Calstor Centre, Attercliffe and Montague.....			6 30	1 85	277 55	37 42	\$ 2 40	2	2000	1	500
Ridgeway and Sherkston.....			11 45	1 20	201 07	32 31	75	1	1700		
Niagara Falls.....			8 54	30	103 81	20 57		1	1000		
Weiland and Wainfleet.....			11 02		405 75	37 88		1	800	1	600
Fort Erie.....			10 61	40	178 00	21 29	90	1	800		
BRANTFORD DISTRICT											
Brantford.....			36 83	1 45	402 81	50 00	1 01	1	3000		
Kelvin and Norwich.....			10 21	1 35	283 36	41 03	1 35	1	700	1	700
Galt.....			28 42		313 49	42 73		1	700		
SARNIA DISTRICT											
Sarnia.....	\$ 1 40		66 32	1 40	654 41	49 47	2 00	1	1800	1	2200
Terminus, Thornhurst, Bickford.....			21 08	1 75	238 75	47 78		2	1200	1	900
Charlemont, Wallaceburg and Zion.....			39 18	4 00	478 24	105 91		2	1600	1	700
Thedford and Klondyke.....			13 97	1 10	265 88	49 68	6 60	1	500	1	500
Dawn Mills, Thornclyffe, Shetland.....				1 50	273 27	44 88		2	1200	1	450
Middlemiss.....				55	21 00	29 68		1	750		
New Ontario Mission.....					104 59						
TILSONBURG DISTRICT											
Ebenezer.....			8 29	1 50	226 64	35 74		1	550		
Walsingham.....			12 00	1 95	425 77	45 79		1	1100	1	400
Houghton and Marston.....			24 31	1 35	262 83	52 92		1	750		
MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST DIST.											
Ebenezer and Greenville.....					142 34	43 60		1	800	1	450
Westview and Caron.....			20 50		392 50	47 85				1	600
Moose Jaw.....			11 65		223 30	44 95		1	1600	1	900
Fairview Mission.....											
Roseview.....			8 00		119 55	51 21					
Fairlight Mission.....											
Total.....	\$ 1 40		\$ 375 38	\$ 25 05	\$ 6169 91	\$ 1034 59	\$ 15 01	25	\$ 24350 13	\$ 9500	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

HAMILTON, BRANTFORD, SARNIA, TILSONBURG AND MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST DISTRICTS

WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'rs & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimant's Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
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EASTERN ONTARIO CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT RAVENSHOE, ONTARIO,
AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 3, 1904

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On Publishing the Minutes—The secretary.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. Zurbrigg.

On State of the Work—A. Sims, R. Burnham, Josiah Gunter, John Montgomery.

On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations—A. Sims, R. Burnham, C. Cunningham, T. Luck, T. Collier.

On Evangelists' Benefit Fund—The committee on Home Missions.

On Publications—A. Sims, W. H. Gregory, J. Montgomery.

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On Sabbath-schools—C. Cunningham, S. Walker, J. Rebman.

On Education—R. Burnham, E. Snider, I. F. Lake.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—R. Burnham, A. Sims, I. F. Lake, T. Flake.

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On Sabbath-schools—William Zurbrigg. On Publications—S. T. Gunter.

On Reforms—E. Snider.

On Education—C. A. Fox.

On State of the Work—R. Burnham, C. Cunningham.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, (1) Home Missions (2) Church Extension; second quarter, (1) General Superintendents' Salary, (2) General Missions; third quarter, (1) Contingent Fund, (2) Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund. Evangelists' Benefit Fund—a free-will offering to be taken the first Sunday in January.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

A. Sims,	R. Burnham,	O. Cunningham,	E. Snider,
S. T. Gunter,	W. H. Gregory,	O. A. Fox,	W. H. Reynolds,
William Zurbrigg,	C. Goodrich.		

DELEGATES

Isaac Lake,	John Rebman,	John Ball,	Thomas Luck,
John Montgomery,	Thomas Flake,	Thomas Collier,	Lydia Grant,
George Babcock,	William Roushorn,	Stewart Walker,	Josiah Gunter,
Henry Daniels,	William Arnold,	William Findlay.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, A. Sims, R. Burnham, Thomas Flake, Isaac Lake.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Leonard Slingerland, Floyd Appleton.

4. Who remain on trial? Charles Dierks, D. L. Gunter, F. D. Bradley, Sperry Snider.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Charles Goodrich.

6. Who are the deacons? E. Snider, W. H. Gregory, C. A. Fox, William Zurbrigg, *C. Goodrich.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. H. Reynolds, F. D. Bradley.

10, 11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view of transfer to another conference? Charles Dierks.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See reports and statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Armadale, Ontario, as near the second week of the Toronto Exhibition, as may suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

KINGSTON DISTRICT—C. CUNNINGHAM, District Elder, Verona, Ontario.

Kingston and Cataraqui.....	To be supplied
Gananoque and Lansdowne.....	E. Snider, Gananoque, Ontario
Wilton, Odessa and Petworth.....	Miles Babcock, supply, Odessa, "
Verona, Oak Flats and Holleford	S. T. Gunter, Verona, "
Westport, Perth Road and Fermoy	William Zurbrigg, Westport, "
Maberly.....	To be supplied
Vennachar and Mt. Zion.....	D. Brown, supply, Vennachar, "
Picton and Fairmount.....	C. A. Fox, Picton, "
W. H. Reynolds, F. D. Bradley, supernumerary.	

HAVELOCK DISTRICT—C. CUNNINGHAM, District Elder.

Gunter	D. L. Gunter
Beaver Creek and Cordova.....	C. Babcock, supply, Marmosa, Ontario
Trent Bridge and Victoria	To be supplied
Burnley and Warkworth.....	F. E. Hind, supply, Warkworth, "

*Ordained this year.

TORONTO DISTRICT—R. BURNHAM, District Elder, Uxbridge, Ontario.

Toronto.....	A. Sims, 27 Simpson avenue, Toronto, Ontario	
Port Credit.....	To be supplied	
Armadales and Malvern.....	Lotta Babcock, Kate Clark, supplies, Armadale,	"
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant	S. Snider, Uxbridge,	"
Belhaven and Baldwin	C. Goodrich, Baldwin,	"

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—R. BURNHAM, District Elder.

Crown Hill and Barrie	To be supplied	
Barkway, Housey's Rapids }	L. Slingerland, supply, Housey's Rapids, Ontario	
and Cooper's Falls }	Richard Slingerland supply, Housey's Rapids	"
Bracebridge	W. H. Gregory, Bracebridge,	"
Gravenhurst.....	Eliza Free and Louise Hicks, supplies, Gravenhurst,	"
Huntsville.....	Emma Harnden and Wilmott Harnden, supplies, Huntsville,	"

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON HOME MISSIONS.

KINGSTON AND HAVELOCK DISTRICTS.—Receipts, \$132.78.

Disbursements, \$51.25; balance on hand, \$81.53.

TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS.—Receipts, \$196.41.

Disbursements, \$86.66; balance on hand, \$109.75.

Total balance, \$191.28.

II.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES—\$105.66.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—\$193.71.

CHURCH EXTENSION—\$57.70.

GENERAL MISSIONS—\$88 05.

EVANGELISTS' BENEFIT FUND—\$87.66.

CONTINGENT FUND—\$117.40.

FUNDS TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES.—\$16.10.

PERMANENT FUND.—\$29.35.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN ONTARIO CONFERENCE

KINGSTON, HAVELock, TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS

EASTERN ONTARIO CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	PREACHER															Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-	General Superin-	Conference Mis-	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Societ-ies		
KINGSTON DISTRICT	R. Burnham, District Elder																																
	Kingston and Cataract	32	8	40	1	2	1	3	50	9	13	53	7	38	10	25	6	15	4	10	3	51	30	22	10	29							
	E. Snider	16	2	18	1	1	1	3	15	5	4	9	2	70	3	75	2	25	1	50	2	51	30	22	10	29							
	Wilton and Odesa	29	2	31	1	1	1	3	15	5	4	9	2	70	3	75	2	25	1	50	2	51	30	22	10	29							
	Miles Babcock, supply	29	2	31	1	1	1	3	15	5	4	9	2	70	3	75	2	25	1	50	2	51	30	22	10	29							
	C. Cunningham	72	18	90	3	18	100	10	20	46	11	10	15	50	3	60	2	30	3	60	2	30	3	60	2	30							
	Verona, Oak Flats and Petworth	19	3	22	1	1	1	4	25	2	6	30	4	68	6	50	3	30	2	60	2	60	2	60	2	60							
	Westport and Fernoy	19	3	22	1	1	1	4	25	2	6	30	4	68	6	50	3	30	2	60	2	60	2	60	2	60							
	William Zurbriggen	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
	Maberly	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
HAVELOCK DISTRICT	Perth Road	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
	George Alton, supply	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
	Vennachar and Mt. Zion	8	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
	D. Brown, supply	8	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
	Pictou and Fairmount	21	7	28	1	1	1	5	40	4	8	25	4	50	6	25	3	75	2	50	3	75	2	50	3	75							
TORONTO DISTRICT	R. Burnham, District Elder																																
	Gunter	11	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
	Beaver Creek and Cordova	25	5	30	1	2	8	55	3	7	59	4	14	5	75	3	45	2	30	3	45	2	30	3	45								
	Trent Bridge and Victoria	8	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
	Burnley and Warkworth	25	4	29	1	2	8	50	11	8	25	4	50	4	45	3	75	2	50	3	75	2	50	3	75								
MUSKOKA DISTRICT	A. Sims, District Elder																																
	Toronto	22	2	24	2	2	11	52	6	6	93	3	78	5	25	3	15	2	10	3	15	2	10	3	15								
	Port Credit	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
	Lotta Babcock and Kate Clark	28	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
	supplies	28	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Huntsville	A. Sims, District Elder																																
	Crown Hill and Barrie	27	4	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
	Bracebridge	30	20	50	2	2	13	70	2	9	90	5	40	7	50	4	60	3	30	4	60	3	30	4	60								
	W. H. Gregory	70	28	98	2	1	12	116	17	25	41	13	86	19	25	11	55	7	70	11	55	7	70	11	55								
	Gravenhurst	9	6	15	1	1	1	6	35	5	2	64	1	44	2	00	1	20	80	1	20	80	1	20	80								
Total	574	117	691	15	9	23	138	854	118	131	48	105	66	137	96	88	05	58	70	85	60	878	92	55	60								

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN ONTARIO CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages
KINGSTON DISTRICT											
Kingston and Cataraqui.....			\$ 25 00		\$ 370 00	\$ 68 88		1	\$ 1200		
Gananoque and Lansdowne.....			16 39	\$ 75	283 69	36 74		1	1400		
Wilton and Odessa.....					112 15	29 14		1	700		
Verona, Oak Flats and Petworth.....			34 22	3 10	418 68	77 01	\$ 7 00	3	1800	1	\$ 700
Westport and Fermoy.....			11 03		244 37	36 06	2 65	1	1200		
Maberly.....						16 36					
Perth Road.....					6 56	16 66	2 60	1	700		
Vennachar and Mt. Zion.....					37 05	36 96		2	800		
Pleton and Fairmount.....			16 16	1 25	301 82	36 38		2	1450		
HAVERLOOK DISTRICT											
Gunter.....			13 28	70		32 07		1	500		
Beaver Creek and Cordova.....			24 20	1 15	297 94	58 57		1	600	1	400
Trent Bridge and Victoria.....						38 04		2	1200		
Burnley and Warkworth.....			13 71		174 60	65 99		1	675	1	500
TORONTO DISTRICT											
Toronto.....			34 33	1 05	194 80	50 96		1	1800		
Port Credit.....						17 55		1	500		
Armada and Scarboro Junction.....			17 65	1 45	283 00	59 87		1	700		
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....			21 00		261 92	51 25		2	1800	2	1300
Belhaven and Baldwin.....			26 36	2 55	385 00	63 60		3	1200		
MUSKOKA DISTRICT											
Crown Hill and Barrie.....					206 70	41 86		1	1000		
Barkway and Severn Bridge.....			19 70	1 50	365 65	41 60		3	1200	1	650
Bracebridge.....			34 65		480 00	77 33		1	600	1	1000
Gravenhurst.....			3 65	40	162 86	30 95					
Huntsville.....			19 00		282 57	39 63		3	800	1	400
Total.....			\$ 324 33	\$13 90	\$4871 36	\$1023 46	\$ 12 25 33	\$ 21825	8	\$ 4950	

Raised for tracts: Beaver Creek and Cordova, 90 cents; Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant, 10 cents; Belhaven and Baldwin, 60 cents.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT MERCER,
MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 1, 1904.

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

L. B. REBER, *Secretary.*

CHANDOS SMUTZ, *Assistant Secretary.*

SHIRLEY SMUTZ, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, S. Smutz, R. Medlock.

On Sunday-schools—W. H. Austin, L. True, W. F. Weller.

On Publications—R. Medlock, O. T. Gregory, J. T. Gibson.

On Education—R. Medlock, H. H. Sperry, Shirley Smutz.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Jennie Needels, L. True.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Frank Smutz.

On Ministerial Relations—W. H. Austin, S. Smutz, O. T. Gregory.

On the State of the Work—The district elders.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. H. Austin, L. B. Reber, Shirley Smutz.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

S. Smutz, president; L. True, secretary; F. F. Fosket, treasurer.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Conference Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' Fund, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants'; fourth quarter, Church Extension.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

L. B. Reber,
Leslie True,
A. Stokesberry,

H. H. Sperry,
W. H. Austin,
R. Medlock,

Chandos Smutz,
R. B. Ralls,
A. D. Sprouse.

J. R. Bales,
Shirley Smutz,

DELEGATES

J. T. Gibson,
W. F. Weller,

W. R. Hull,
O. T. Gregory,

Jennie Needels,
F. F. Fosket,

M. J. Zollers,
Alice Wooderson.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, L. B. Reber, Shirley Smutz, J. T. Gibson, W. F. Weller.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? S. L. Crouch, Frank Smutz, O. T. Gregory.

4, 5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? H. H. Sperry, A. Stokesberry.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Chandos Smutz, A. D. Sprouse, J. R. Bales.

8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. H. Sperry.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? L. B. Reber.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? R. B. Ralls, from the West Kansas conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. N. Ahern.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? L. B. Reber, \$100.
23. See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The district elders and the secretary were elected a committee to decide on the place. The time to be as near the first Wednesday in September as may suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-second session of the Missouri conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Mercer, Missouri. General Superintendent W. T. Hogue presided with acceptability. His addresses to the conference were interesting and profitable.

The following visiting brethren were invited to honorary seats in the conference: George Bradfield and T. B. Arnold, of the Illinois conference; J. H. Wilson, of the West Iowa conference; Rev. Watson, of the M. E. church; and Rev. D. Baker, of the Radical United Brethren church.

The work was supplied with one traveling and one stationed elder.

The following collections were taken during the conference: For the secretaries and treasurer, \$3; for publishing the report on the state of the work, in pamphlet form, \$2.60; for the Chicago Industrial Home, represented by T. B. Arnold, about \$20; for expense of tabernacle meeting, \$20; for deficit in conference collections, \$38.

A rising vote of thanks was given the president, and also to the people of Mercer, for their kindness in entertaining the conference.

APPOINTMENTS

BURLINGTON JUNCTION DISTRICT—SHIRLEY SMUTZ, District Elder, Bucklin, Missouri.

Burlington Junction, High Prairie and Mound City J. R. Bales, Elmo, Missouri
 Mt. Zion W. H. Austin, R. R. No. 1, Tarkio, "
 St. Joseph L. True; Olive True, supply, St. Joseph, "

A. D. Sprouse, left without appointment to attend school; F. N. Ahern, transferred to the West Iowa conference.

BETHANY DISTRICT—SHIRLEY SMUTZ, District Elder.

Bethany, Sharon Chapel and Albany O. T. Gregory, Mt. Moriah, Missouri
 Mercer D. W. Reed, supply, Mercer, "
 Osgood and Chillicothe R. B. Ralls; Kittie Ralls, supply, Osgood, "
 Higginsville and Hazel Dell O. Frank Smutz, R. R. No. 1, Higginsville, "

Mt. Vernon S. M. Alexander, supply, R. R. No. 1, Lucerne, Missouri
 Green City, Mt. Olive and Pollock S. L. Crouch, R. R., No. 3, Milan, "
 College Mound To be supplied

A. Stokesberry, left without appointment according to Discipline, ¶85: E. G. Cooper, transferred to the Kansas conference; the quarterly conference relation of Shirley Smutz is on the Bethany district.

HANNIBAL DISTRICT—CHANDOS SMUTZ, District Elder.

Hannibal and Ashburn Chandos Smutz; Martha A. Smutz, supply, Ashburn, Missouri
 Wilson Chapel and Gibson schoolhouse.. J. N. Cole, supply, R. R. No. 1, Briscoe, "
 Rhineland and Pleasant Hill S. B. Leatherman, supply, Rhineland, "
 Luray, Center Chapel and Acasto R. Medlock, R. R. No. 2, Mt. Sterling, Iowa
 H. H. Sperry, supernumerary, Waverly, Illinois; L. B. Reber, superannuated, R. R. No. 4, Palmyra, Missouri.

LOCAL PREACHERS

F. F. Fosket.. R. R. No. 1, Tarkio, Missouri	William Kenyon..... Mound City, Missouri
E. Sams..... Albany, "	D. O. Wooderson..... Mt. Moriah, "
B. Callahan..... Osgood, "	—, Ellis..... Osgood, "
J. Alexander West Liberty, "	Solomon Hauser..... Hannibal, "
William Holtwick..... Americus, "	W. N. Hopkins, R. R. No. 1, Briscoe, "
S. M. Alexander.. R. R. No. 1, Lucerne, Missouri	

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

Myrtle Stephens..... Hannibal, Missouri

EVANGELISTS

Kittie Ralls Osgood, Missouri	Mary A. Tucker..... Hannibal, Missouri
Rose Stephens..... Ashburn, "	Martha A. Smutz..... Ashburn, "
Olive M. True..... St. Joseph, Missouri	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

There are few things so influential in moulding the character of young persons as the literature they read. At their age impressions are easily made. A man or woman of superior moral strength or great intelligence will stamp his or her personality upon those with whom he or she associates.

Periodicals are the expression of this strength and intelligence. These may become the associates of those whose character is in formation; and the purity or impurity of their nature will, to a great extent decide the destiny of many.

It is a grievous fact that this land is burdened with literature of an immoral nature. Books and papers upon which the eye of human beings ought not to rest, papers that defile, books that destroy, pollute, degrade and damn men and women are afloat on every current in society. Is there no way to stop this evil? Is there no way to turn the tide of influence into the channel of right? Yes, by placing in the hands and homes of all possible such literature as will strengthen morally and intellectually and will lead them not only to the assurance of sins forgiven, but to a knowledge of the cleansing blood.

Such literature, we are glad to report, can be found now within our own church. It is a fact conceded by other denominations that the organ of our church, the *Free Methodist*, is one of the best, plainest, and most wholesome papers in circulation, and as a clean-cut holiness advocate is not surpassed by any. The Sunday-school literature, too, put out by our publishing house, deserves our recognition, for we believe the good accomplished by

it is almost inestimable. The *Lily of the Valley*, *Rose of Sharon*, etc., go weekly into thousands of homes to strengthen and help.

The paper edited by Mrs. Hogue is indeed what it claims to be, the *Children's Friend*, and is doing much for the good of mankind and the glory of God.

"Wholesome papers," "wholesome books" ought to be our rule in life. Wesley never read anything but that which enabled him to better understand the Bible and to glorify God. Should not this be the motto of each? Seeing that we can best, in this way, serve our Lord, we believe every one else can. Therefore, we as a committee advise that every family especially Free Methodists should take our church paper into their homes and it is the sense of this committee that we, as a people, so far as is possible, patronize our own publishing house, and by thus doing contribute to its needs that it may be enabled to do still greater things in the way of disseminating holy literature.

II.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

TO THE MINISTERS AND LAY MEMBERS IN THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE:

Beloved brethren in the Lord: The Missouri annual conference of the Free Methodist church was organized twenty-two years ago by Rev. B. T. Roberts, of sainted memory. By reference to the Journal, we find that there were eleven preachers and 127 members and probationers reported. One year ago we reported twelve preachers and 293 members and probationers. A gain of one preacher and 166 members in twenty-one years.

It is true that many preachers and members have moved from this conference to other states and territories and are now members in other conferences. Some also, have been called from labor to rest; while still others have become discouraged and have fallen out by the way. But after making due allowance for the above causes, we think the gain has been entirely too small for the amount of time, labor and means expended.

The following we believe to be some of the causes of our lack of success:

1. A deplorable lack of interest in our general gatherings, such as camp-meetings, district quarterly meetings and conferences. During the past year one of our district elders was compelled to hold a session of the quarterly conference with one preacher and five official members; not one person being present from any other circuit.

2. A want of effort to properly support the preachers. The past year nearly all of our preachers had to labor with their hands to support their families and keep out of debt.

3. The slipshod fashion our stewards take to provide for the preachers. On some of the circuits it is almost impossible to find a steward that will do his duty.

4. The lack of proper methods in giving. Instead of giving by rule many give according to their feelings, and it seems as if some were past feeling, since they never give anything. There are some noble exceptions to the above, but we speak of the work in general.

5. A lack of aggressiveness on the part of some of the preachers. Instead of reaching out and enlarging their field of labor, they seem to think that their whole duty is done when the regular appointments are filled.

6. A lack of personal work on the part of all. We are too apt to think that our whole duty is done when we have attended all the public services, and we let our unsaved neighbors and friends continue to go on in sin without making any personal effort for their salvation.

7. A want of interest in Home Mission work. For several years past, we have regularly voted a certain amount to be raised for Home Missions, but very few of the circuits have paid anything for this purpose. There are many openings for the introduction of our work, but we have had no one to send and no money to open up new work with. We need several good evangelists, but as fast as our young preachers become ordained, they transfer to other conferences where the work seems to be lighter and the salaries larger. Of course, there are exceptions to the above, but this has been the rule.

These are plain facts, but they stare us in the face and we may as well recognize them.

Beloveds, these things ought not to be so. Let us consecrate ourselves anew to God and resolve to do better in future. Time is passing swiftly. We will soon be in eternity. What we would do must be done quickly. Jesus says, "He that putteth his hand to the plow and looketh back is not fit for the kingdom."

If we will go resolutely to work, and unite to remove these hindering causes, we believe it will not be long until the Missouri conference will compare favorably with other conferences near us.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE
BURLINGTON JUNCTION, BETHANY, GREEN CITY AND HANNIBAL DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim- ante Fund	General Superin- tendents' Claim	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci- eties
BURLINGTON JUNCTION DISTRICT																		
High Prairie and Burlington Junction. Mt. Zion and Mound City. St. Joseph.	Shirley Smutz, Dist. Elder																	
	F. N. Ahern.	13		13	3	1	1	5	30	3	4 29 \$	2 34 \$	1 95 \$	1 95 \$	1 30			
	W. H. Austin.	21		21	3	1	1	5	30	5	5 61	3 06	3 40	2 55	1 70			
	Shirley Smutz.	12		12	2	2												\$ 1 45
BETHANY DISTRICT																		
Bethany and Sharon Chapel. Albany. Mercer. Osgood and Harris. Pollock and Mt. Vernon. Chillicothe. Higginsville and Hazel Dell.	Shirley Smutz, Dist. Elder																	
	Frank Smutz, supply.	14		14	1	1	1	13	38	4	5 28	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60		1 51	
	E. Sams, supply.	7		7	2	1	1	7	35	4	2 64	1 44	1 20	1 20	80			
	R. Medlock.	26		26	2	1	1	7	35	8	8 74	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30		3 00	
	S. L. Crouch, supply.	16		16	2	1	1	6	40	5	6 27	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90			
	S. M. Alexander, supply.	17		17	2	1	1	6	45	3	5 61	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70		1 63	
	J. R. Hales.	6		6	1	1	1	6	30	1	1 98	1 08	90	90	60			
	William Kenyon, supply.	8		8	1	1	1	8	35	1	3 30			1 50			51	
GREEN CITY DISTRICT																		
Green City and Mt. Olive. College Mound. Luray and Center Chapel.	L. B. Reber, District Elder																	
	Charles Smutz.	16		16	2	1	1	4	25	5	7 02	4 32	3 60	3 70	2 40			
	L. B. Reber.	2		2	1	1	1	5	30	1	46	36	30	32	20		2 00	
	L. E. Reber.	15		15	8	1	1			4	4 00	2 55			1 44			
HANNIBAL DISTRICT																		
Hannibal. Ashburn and Winfield. Wilson Chapel and Gibson schoolhouse Rhineand and Pleasant Hill.	L. B. Reber, District Elder																	
	L. True, Olive True, sup.	24		24	1	4	2	9	45	3	4 38	4 32	35	1 50	20			
	O. T. Gregory, supply.	14		14	2	1	2	9	45	2	3 00	3 00		3 00				
	W. W. Hopkins, supply.	5		5	4	1	1	1		1								
	H. H. Sperry.	25		25	8	1	3	9	75	2	5 61	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70			
Total.		242	24	266	18	9	14	78	431	49	\$ 79 86	\$ 42 56	\$ 24 30	\$ 38 72	\$ 24 20		\$ 10 60	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BURLINGTON JUNCTION DISTRICT						\$ 90 04					
High Prairie and Burlington Junct..				\$ 65	\$ 115 00	27 44	\$ 3 50	1	\$ 650	1	\$ 250
Mt. Zion and Mound City.....	\$ 1 78			85	300 00	62 59	10 00	2	1200	1	500
St. Joseph.....						5 05	10 00				
BETHANY DISTRICT						*288 74					
Bethany and Sharon Chapel.....	\$ 75	80	\$ 9 00	80	20 05	48 99		1	700	1	200
Albany.....				40	84 41	21 30		1	1000	1	800
Mercer.....			18 32		221 88	35 85	13 45	1	700	1	325
Osgood and Harris.....	50	50	11 05	95	183 05	41 14		1	600	1	400
Pollock and Mt. Vernon.....	46	32	6 19	85	†22 72	53 13					
Chillicothe.....		84	8 82	30	82 15	19 15		1	600	1	400
Higginsville and Hazel Dell.....		1 17	12 35	25	138 43	33 09	13 15				
GREEN CITY DISTRICT						‡147 68					
Green City and Mt. Olive.....			4 00	1 20	232 20	41 03				1	400
College Mound.....						5 35					200
Luray and Center Chapel.....					‡66 75	41 30					
HANNIBAL DISTRICT						83 55					
Hannibal.....				60	167 49	24 00	10 00	1	1000	1	800
Ashburn and Winfield.....					56 35	24 00		1	750	1	400
Wilson Chapel and Gibson S. H.						1 00		1	400	1	100
Rhineland and Pleasant Hill.....			25 50	70	160 75	30 00		1	600	1	300
Total.....	\$ 1 71	\$ 6 41	\$ 95 23	\$ 7 55	\$ 1849 23	\$ 624 39	\$ 60 10	12	\$ 6600	12	\$ 5075

NOTE.—The deficit in conference collections was raised by public collection on Sunday and the treasurer was requested to forward same to S. K. J. Chesbro.

*Of this amount \$50.00 was received from the general missionary board. †Paid to Frank Smutz.
‡Of this amount \$50.00 was received from the general missionary board. ‡Paid to A. Stokesberry.

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT MISHAWAKA,
INDIANA. AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 3, 1904

OFFICERS

BURTON K. JONES, *President*.

ROBERT H. CLARK, *Secretary*. WILSON T. LORING, *Assistant Secretary*.

T. JOHN RUSSELL, *Treasurer*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, U. G. Hoover, C. W. Wade.

On Publishing the Minutes—R. H. Clark, W. T. Loring.

On Education—W. T. Loring, J. M. Jolly, W. McFarland.

On Publications—C. E. Edinger, C. W. Wade, S. L. Wass.

On Reforms—A. F. Godwin, H. C. Ingersoll, L. H. Morrison.

On Sunday-schools—Elnora Stevenson, Marian Young, T. J. Loring.

On State of the Work—U. G. Hoover, C. W. Wade, R. H. Clark.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, U. G. Hoover, C. W. Wade,
W. McFarland, E. F. Russell.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—S. H. Matthews.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—U. G. Hoover, C. E. Edinger, A. F.
Godwin.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. T. Loring, U. G. Hoover, C. W. Wade, E. A. Berry.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. T. Loring, for one year; U. G. Hoover, for two years; H. C. Ingersoll, for
three years.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Church Extension (10 cents), General Missions (15 cents); second
quarter, Home Missions (15 cents); third quarter, Permanent Fund (5 cents)
General Superintendents' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.
Special collection, second quarter, for Sisters Gitchell and Reynolds.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Rose T. Clark, president, Upland, Indiana; Mrs. Mary Loring, Fort Wayne,
Indiana, and Mrs. H. L. Smith, Spring Arbor, Michigan, vice presidents; Mrs.
Effie Russell, corresponding secretary, South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. Rosa Jolly,
recording secretary, Elkhart, Indiana; Miss Orpha E. Williams, treasurer,
Three Oaks, Michigan.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this
conference?

PREACHERS

R. H. Clark,
T. J. Loring,
U. G. Hoover,
L. H. Morrison,

W. T. Loring,
J. E. Kemp.
C. W. Wade.
J. M. Jolly,

C. E. Edinger,
A. F. Godwin,
H. L. Smith,
H. C. Ingersoll,

S. H. Matthews,
J. B. Robinette,
G. R. Stamp,
R. Callison.

DELEGATES

S. L. Wass,	H. W. Allen,	Elnora Stevenson,	E. A. Berry.
W. McFarland,	P. Harker,	Marian Young,	O. W. High,
F. Danielson,	E. F. Russell.	Lurena Lain,	D. Fall,
W. Lennon,	Callie Reed.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, U. G. Hoover, C. W. Wade, W. McFarland, E. F. Russell.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? John Fenner.

4. Who remain on trial? T. J. Russell.

6. Who are the deacons? L. H. Morrison, J. M. Jolly, O. W. High (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Henry C. Ingersoll.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. B. Robinette.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? A. F. Godwin.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? H. C. Ingersoll, from the Oil City conference; R. Callison, an elder from the Church of God.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? C. E. Edinger, to the South Dakota conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, with one exception.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. F. Godwin, \$60; Nancy Reynolds, \$35.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Upland, Indiana, as near the first Wednesday in October, 1905, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

KNOX DISTRICT—C. W. WADE, District Elder, 714 Chestnut street, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Knox and To To.....	John Fenner, Knox, Indiana
Crown Point and Ross.....	J. D. Reynolds, supply, Crown Point, "
Springville, Bunker Hill and Organ.....	O. S. Huston, supply, R. R. No. 1, LaPorte, "
South Bend.....	T. J. Russell, 406 East Keasey street, South Bend, "
Mishawaka.....	Ellis Mellott, supply, 709 Grove street, Mishawaka, "
Elkhart.....	J. M. Jolly, 111 Princeton street, Elkhart, "
Medaryville.....	H. C. Ingersoll, Medaryville, "

J. E. Kemp, left without appointment; H. L. Smith, left without appointment at his own request, to attend school at Spring Arbor, Michigan.

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT—W. T. LORING, District Elder, 2305 Oliver street, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Fort Wayne, First church.....	U. G. Hoover, 1318 East Creighton avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Fort Wayne Mission.....	T. J. Loring, 628 West Main street, Fort Wayne, "
Columbia City and Lorane.....	R. Callison, Columbia City, "
Forest Chapel.....	J. W. Galloway, supply, R. R. No. 6, Columbia City, "
Fremont.....	John Mullen, supply, Fremont, "

The quarterly conference relation of W. T. Loring was fixed on the Fort Wayne district; J. B. Robinette, supernumerary, Columbia City, Indiana; G. R. Stamp, left without appointment; C. E. Edinger, granted a certificate of standing.

UNION CITY DISTRICT—W. T. LORING, District Elder.

Union City..... Mrs. Nellie A. Reid, supply, Union City, Indiana
 DeSoto and Muncie..... L. H. Morrison, DeSoto, "
 Farmland and Redkey..... C. P. Connelly, supply, Farmland, "
 Upland and Bugh schoolhouse..... R. H. Clark, R. R. No. 25, Upland, "
 A. F. Godwin, superannuated, Centerville, Indiana; S. H. Matthews, left without ap-
 pointment.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Per- manent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
KNOX DISTRICT											
Knox and To To.....			\$ 33 96	\$ 1 96	\$ 310 71	\$ 64 97	\$ 10 00	2	2000	1	500
Crown Point and Ross.....			26 25	1 45	216 88	52 37	8 02	1	1200	1	600
Springville, Bunker Hill, Organ schoolhouse.....	\$ 70	\$ 1 00	31 03	2 50	504 95	65 67	5 20	2	1800	1	650
South Bend and River Park.....	2 00	2 50	60 85		532 98	71 62			650		
Mishawaka.....	8 00	1 55	27 60	75	179 22	50 13	1 90	1	4000		
Elkhart.....				70	269 15	22 84	4 25	1	1250	1	800
Medaryville.....					15 30	5 00					
FORT WAYNE DISTRICT											
Fort Wayne.....		3 35	68 72	2 05	453 38	72 50	66 10	1	2000	1	600
Columbia City and Lorane.....		81	22 49		180 25	45 51	4 09	2	1200		
Forest Chapel.....			25 13		256 75	37 20	4 20	1	200	1	1000
Premont.....			2 75	70	132 90	62 16	15 27	1	300	1	300
Fort Wayne Mission.....											
UNION CITY DISTRICT											
Union City.....			10 35			28 28		1	1000	1	300
Muncie and De Soto.....			22 00		215 00	39 69	13 00	1	1000	1	500
Upland.....								1	1800		
Farmland.....											
Bugh S. H. and Swamp College.....			5 50		81 56	12 25					
Raised at conference.....				8 79							
Total.....	\$10 70	\$ 9 21	\$ 336 63	\$18 90	\$3409 03	\$ 630 09	\$ 132 03	15	\$ 18400	9	\$ 5250

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

KNOX, FORT WAYNE AND UNION CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members										Probationers										Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
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GENESEE CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT RUSHFORD,
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 14-17, 1904

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President*.

W. W. MANNING, *Secretary*.

E. C. REBER, J. H. WHEELER, *Assistant Secretaries*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, C. W. Bacon, E. A. Taylor, N. B. Martin, A. H. Bennett.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Education—E. C. Reber, L. K. Manning, J. G. Tuxford.

On Sunday-schools—J. Robinson, W. H. Grinnell, Mary Maxwell, Ella Parker.

On Church Literature—W. Pearce, J. F. Franklin, L. Barmore, C. G. Warbois, A. McCoy.

On Sabbath Observance—A. H. Bennett, T. S. Simpson, H. L. Miner, M. G. Cottrill, G. C. Wood.

On Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic—J. H. Wheeler, F. A. Perkins, G. B. Bancroft, Olive T. Steele, Mary White.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. T. Irving, W. Newkirk.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. C. Eggleston, O. C. Blowers, J. D. Handley.

On Railroad Reduction—Thomas Sully.

On Ministerial Relations—G. D. Mark, W. Manning, C. W. Bacon, O. S. Frederick, C. Rothfuss.

On Memoirs—C. D. Brooks, G. W. Coleman, C. C. Eggleston, G. H. Goodenough, W. Thompson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. F. Shoup, president; J. H. Wheeler, secretary; C. W. Bacon.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. W. Bacon, president; C. C. Eggleston, secretary; L. D. Perkins, treasurer; J. H. Harmon, M. C. Burritt.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

A. K. Bacon, president and treasurer; A. H. Bennett, secretary; J. Robinson, C. C. Eggleston, D. S. Damon.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Thomas Sully.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. M. M. Robinson, president; Mrs. G. W. Coleman, first vice president; Mrs. J. K. Wilson, second vice president; Mrs. M. C. Bacon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. C. Allen, recording secretary; Miss Agnes Derby, treasurer.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

O. D. Brooks,	H. Hornsby,	W. Manning.	I. C. White,
T. B. Catton,	J. Robinson,	A. A. Burgess,	C. C. Eggleston,
S. K. J. Chesbro,	W. T. Hogue,	A. H. Bennett,	J. H. Harmon,
L. D. Perkins,	W. Jones,	J. O'Regan,	G. D. Mark,
E. A. Taylor,	T. S. Slocum,	W. W. Manning,	C. W. Bacon,
G. M. Allen,	O. C. Blowers,	L. Barmore,	E. C. Best,
B. H. Roberts,	N. Palmer,	J. F. Franklin,	B. Winget,
J. H. Wheeler,	N. B. Martin,	G. S. Chamberlain,	H. W. Rowley,
J. S. Bradbrook,	C. W. Thurber,	D. W. Steele,	W. W. Warner,
G. W. Coleman,	G. B. Altoft,	F. F. Shoup,	H. L. Miner,
J. P. Irving,	J. A. Prosser,	L. K. Manning,	G. B. Tingue,
L. F. Clark,	H. A. Blowers,	T. S. Simpson,	F. A. Perkins,
W. T. Underwood,	E. C. Reber,	W. Pearce,	C. H. Reed.

DELEGATES

W. Thompson,	C. G. Worbois,	B. W. Burritt,	Alonzo Smith.
W. H. Grinnell,	Mary White,	Thomas Sully,	M. G. Cottrill,
Mrs. T. Clother,	G. H. Goodenough,	O. C. Snedeker,	Mary L. Maxwell,
E. A. Johnston,	W. H. Stevens,	James Caldwell,	D. Wilson,
J. D. Handley,	W. Newkirk,	O. S. Frederick,	G. B. Bancroft,
L. Pride,	Mrs. L. A. Welch,	Mrs. O. T. Steele,	C. Leonard,
Ella Parker,	Sarah Tuxford,	A. McCoy,	H. Oehser,
W. H. Gates,	John G. Tuxford,	J. K. Wilson,	G. C. Wood,
C. Rothfuss,	Carrie Randall.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, J. H. Harmon, F. F. Shoup, E. A. Taylor, J. O'Regan, T. Sully, B. W. Burritt, C. English, J. K. Wilson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? B. F. Hitchcock, M. E. Ellis, C. E. Pike.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? G. B. Altoft, G. B. Tingue, H. A. Blowers, W. T. Underwood.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? L. K. Manning, T. S. Simpson, L. F. Clark.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. D. Brooks, A. A. Burgess, J. S. Bradbrook, G. W. Coleman, G. B. Altoft, W. W. Warner.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? H. Hornsby, J. Robinson, G. S. Chamberlain, W. Jones, T. B. Catton, I. C. White.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? William Pearce, from the Oregon conference; Charles H. Reed, from the Oil City conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? W. T. Wees.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? T. S. Slocum.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? R. S. Phillips, Levi Wood.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? See report on conference claimants and claims.

23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At West Kendall,

Orleans county, New York, to commence on Wednesday, September 13, 1905, or as near that time as the general superintendents can arrange for.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-fifth annual session of the conference was held at Rushford, New York, September 14-17, 1904. General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided. There were six sittings of the conference.

Rev. W. Pearce, of the Oregon conference, Rev. T. Whiffen, from the Susquehanna conference, and Rev. W. J. Whiffen, from the said Susquehanna conference, but who had been employed on the Albion circuit as a supply the past year; also Rev. C. H. Reed, from the Oil City conference, Rev. W. F. Wells, from the Genesee conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. J. G. Macklin, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Rushford, Rev. T. P. Poate, pastor of the Baptist church in Rushford, Rev. W. B. Roupe, from the Oil City conference, C. W. Smith, of the Wesleyan connection, were introduced, and invited to honorary seats in the conference.

The following named persons were elected as members of the board of trustees of the Orphanage and Home at Gerry, New York: M. C. Burritt, W. A. Sellew, Oscar Partridge, W. H. Clark, A. H. Bennett.

The conference collections were ordered taken as follows: General Superintendents and Permanent Fund, during the first quarter; General Missions and Church Extension and Aid Society Fund, during the second quarter; Conference Claimants' Fund, during the third quarter; Foreign and Home Missions, during the fourth quarter.

Thomas Sully was elected conference treasurer. All conference collections were ordered sent to the conference treasurer. Home address, 262 Hudson street, Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. Alma K. Pearce and Mrs. Victoria Reed hold conference certificates as evangelists.

Moneys raised at the conference for various purposes were as follows: To reimburse the secretaries \$8 50; for N. B. Martin, \$23.65; for W. F. M. S., \$30.05. Quite a large sum was also raised for the Gerry Orphanage and Home, but the amount was not reported.

A very impressive and solemn memorial service was conducted by the committee on Memoirs, on Saturday afternoon, occasioned by the death of Revs. R. S. Phillips and Levi Wood during the past year.

Sunday services: Love-feast at 9 a. m.; at or about 11 o'clock General Superintendent E. P. Hart delivered one of his impressive, soul-inspiring discourses, after which L. K. Manning, T. S. Simpson, L. F. Clark were ordained elders.

Afternoon: A missionary service was held under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. The principal address was given by Miss Clara Leffingwell.

Evening: Rev. W. Pearce preached in the Free Methodist church. The pulpits of the other denominations in Rushford were filled by members of the conference both morning and evening.

APPOINTMENTS

GENESEE DISTRICT—E. A. TAYLOR, District Elder.

Rochester.....	J. H. Harmon, 71 Richmond street, Rochester, New York			
Chili.....	B. H. Roberts, North Chili, Monroe county,	"	"	"
Parma Center and Clarkson.....	L. K. Manning, Parma Center,	"	"	"
West Greece and North Parma.....	C. E. Pike, West Greece,	"	"	"
Brockport and Hulberton.....	To be supplied			
Sweden.....	Noah Palmer, Bergen, R. F. D.,	"	"	"
Kendall.....	W. Manning, West Kendall, Orleans county,	"	"	"
Albion.....	E. A. Taylor, Albion,	"	"	"
Gaines.....	J. J. Kelley, Gaines,	"	"	"

S. K. J. Chesbro, agent, Free Methodist Publishing House, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; B. Winget, missionary secretary, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; H. Hornsby, superannuated, West Kendall, Orleans county, New York; O. D. Brooks, superannuated, Geneva, New York; John Robinson, superannuated, North Chili, Monroe county, New York.

BUFFALO DISTRICT—F. F. SHoup, District Elder, 108 Bush street, Buffalo, New York.

Buffalo (Virginia street and South Buffalo).....C. W. Bacon, 75 Tenth St., Buffalo, New York
 " (Potomac avenue).....J. H. Wheeler, 177 Potomac avenue, " " "
 " (Marion avenue).....B. F. Hitchcock, Marion avenue, " " "
 Akron.....E. C. Reber, Akron, Erie county, " "
 Lockport.....C. C. Eggleston, 35 Park avenue, Lockport, " "
 Pendleton and Shawnee.....L. F. Clark, Pendleton, Niagara county, " "
 Newfane, Wilson and Ransomville.....C. H. Reed, Victoria Reed, supply
 Tonawanda.....J. P. Irving, Adams street, Tonawanda, " "
 Niagara Falls.....J. F. Franklin, 1507 Weston avenue, Niagara Falls, " "
 Oak Orchard and Kenyonville.....Levi Ecker, supply
 West Falls and Colden.....To be supplied

W. T. Hogue, general superintendent, 2025 Sherman avenue, Evanston, Illinois; A. A. Burgess, J. S. Bradbrook, supernumerary; G. S. Chamberlain, superannuated, Rockville, Allegany county, New York; F. A. Perkins, conference evangelist.

ALLEGANY DISTRICT—A. H. BENNETT, District Elder, Perry, Wyoming county, New York.

Allegany and Dutch Hill.....G. M. Allen, Allegany, Cattaraugus county, New York
 Belmont, Ford Brook and Alma Hill.....Philo Miner, supply, Belmont, Allegany county, " "
 Bolivar.....To be supplied
 East Otto, Ashford and Springville.....C. L. Silvernail, East Otto, Cattaraugus county, " "
 Elton and Yorkshire.....G. D. Mark, Elton, " " "
 Franklinville.....H. A. Blowers, Franklinville, " " "
 Rushford and Rockville.....N. B. Martin, Rushford, Allegany " " "

W. Jones, superannuated, Gowanda, Cattaraugus county, New York; J. A. Prosser, left without appointment, Morganstown, Ontario, Canada, North D. county.

WYOMING DISTRICT—A. H. BENNETT, District Elder.

Perry.....L. Barmore, Perry, Wyoming county, New York
 Batavia, Bethany and Alexander.....H. L. Miner, Alexander, Genesee " " "
 Johnsonburg and Union Corners.....H. J. Wood, supply, Johnsonburg, Wyoming county, " "
 Gainesville and Wethersfield Springs.....H. W. Rowley
 LeRoy and Greigsville.....To be supplied
 Wales, Town Line and East Aurora.....D. W. Steele, Wales, Erie county, " "

G. W. Coleman, supernumerary, Gainesville, Wyoming county, New York; T. B. Catton, superannuated, Perry, Wyoming county, New York; G. B. Altoft, W. W. Warner, supernumerary, Perry, Wyoming county, New York; A. H. Bennett, member of the Wyoming district quarterly conference.

CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT—J. O'REGAN, District Elder, 219 Whitney place, Buffalo, New York.

Forestville and Fredonia.....T. S. Simpson, Forestville, Chautauqua county, New York
 Salamanca, Red House and Saw Mill Run.....M. E. Ellis " "
 South Dayton, Leon and Cherry Creek.....G. B. Tingue, South Dayton, Cattaraugus county, " "
 East Randolph and Ellington, C. W. Thurber, East Randolph, " "
 Jamestown.....W. Pearce, 511 East Seventh street, Jamestown, " "
 Gerry.....To be supplied
 Cattaraugus, New Albion and Little Valley.....W. W. Manning, Cattaraugus, " "
 Collins Center and Marshfield.....N. L. Goodenough, Collins Center, Erie county, " "
 Gowanda and North Collins.....W. T. Underwood, Gowanda, Cattaraugus " "
 Silver Creek, North Perrysburg and Irving.....O. C. Blowers

L. D. Perkins, financial agent of the Gerry Orphanage and Home, Gerry, Chautauqua

county, New York; E. C. Best, left without appointment, Fredonia, Chautauqua county, New York; I. C. White, superannuated, Forestville, Chautauqua county, New York; T. S. Slocum, given a certificate of his standing in view of transfer.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

- A. K. Bacon, Albion, Orleans county, New York.
 Mrs. E. S. Roberts . . . North Chili, Monroe county, New York.
 Mrs. L. F. Manning . . . West Kendall, Orleans county, New York.
 M. W. Fuller . . . Lockport, R. F. D., New York.
 S. Witmer . . . 1024 Grove avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.
 R. E. Erdman . . . 90 Broadway, Buffalo, New York.
 S. D. Molter . . . 1616 Linwood avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.
 Beryl B. Bishop Buffalo, New York
 A. J. Pratt, East Otto, Cattaraugus county, New York.
 M. C. Burritt LeRoy, Genesee county, New York.
 C. Wiltse . . . Allegany, Cattaraugus county, New York.
 M. H. Boyd Wadsworth, Livingston county, New York.
 F. R. Ballard . . . Cattaraugus, Cattaraugus county, New York.
 M. H. Monroe Allegany, Cattaraugus county, New York.
 J. G. Tuxford Jamestown, New York
 Mrs. Lizzie Perkins . . . Gerry, Chautauqua county, New York.
 Mrs. L. J. W. Coleman . . . Gainesville, Wyoming county, New York.
 Lewis Leonard Delevan, R. F. D. Cattaraugus county, New York.
 G. W. Worthington . . . Brockport, R. F. D., Monroe county, New York.
 Miss A. P. Carpenter, North Chili, Monroe county, New York.
 M. G. Cottrill 269 Bird avenue, Buffalo, New York.
 R. E. Bigelow Ransomville, Niagara county, New York.
 John Lowe 681 Hopkins street, Buffalo, New York.
 Levi Ecker . . . Oak Orchard, Orleans county, New York.
 Mrs. Martha Shoup 108 Bush street, Buffalo, New York.
 Mrs. Victoria Reed
 John Webster, Town Line, Erie county, New York.
 Arthur Eaden . . . East Aurora, Erie county, New York.
 Mrs. Flora Goodenough Collins Center, New York.
 G. E. Bullard Gaines, Orleans county, New York.
 Mrs. O. T. Steele . . . East Otto, Cattaraugus county, New York.
 Mrs. R. A. Best 113 Seymour street, Fredonia, New York.
 J. L. Turner Smithport, Pennsylvania
 W. P. Carpenter 214 Washington street, Jamestown, New York.
 Burt Sumner . . . Black Creek, Allegany county, New York.
 W. Newkirk Batavia, R. F. D., Genesee county, New York.

S. F. Mercereau.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

- GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES—Assessed, \$272.16.
 Cash received, \$271.46. Deficit, \$.70.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed, \$226.80.
 Cash received, \$217.83. Deficit, \$8.97.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed, \$498.96.
 Cash received, \$485.69. Deficit, \$13.27.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' PERMANENT FUND.—Assessed, \$75.60.
 Cash received, \$69.85. Deficit, \$5.75.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$151.20.
 Cash received, \$130.76. Deficit, 20.44.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$302.40.
 Cash received, \$294.80. Deficit, \$7.60.
 CHILDREN'S DAY FUND.—Cash and receipts, \$32.97.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Cash and receipts, \$21.09.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Cash and receipts, \$43.71.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT ON OTHER ITEMS.

September 26, 1903, balance on hand as per report, \$21.90; surplus returned by general treasurer from delegates' expenses to general conference, \$28.07; col-

lection Sunday, September 27, on General Superintendent's Salaries, \$15.04; September 17, 1904, interest accrued in bank, \$79. Total, \$65.80.

Disbursements: September 26, 1903, paid general treasurer on Church Extension account, \$23.86; paid general treasurer on General Missions account, \$1.54; paid general treasurer deficit General Superintendents' Salaries, \$6.40; paid deficit on R. S. Phillips' claim, \$1; paid for two years minutes for Sister Loretta Moore, \$.70; September 17, paid expense treasurer, postage, etc., \$1.95. Total, \$35.45. Balance on hand, \$30.35.

THOMAS SULLY, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.—Your committee on claimants recommends that the following claimants be paid as follows the coming year: Mrs. Marcia F. Southworth, \$80; John Robinson, \$150; Mrs. Mary E. McAlpine, \$110; Mrs. Ruth E. Bacon, \$150; Mrs. Mary H. Leonard, \$60; I. O. White, \$150; Mrs. Lucinda P. Brown, \$150; William Jones, \$150; George S. Chamberlain, \$60. Total, \$1060.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—We, your committee on Conference Missions Fund, report \$34.80 in the treasury, and recommend that it be divided as follows: B. F. Hitchcock, \$8.70; D. W. Steele, \$8.70; L. K. Manning, \$8.70; C. L. Silvernail, \$8.70. Total, \$34.80.

We also recommend that the sum of 20 cents per member be raised during the ensuing year for conference missions.

We further recommend that the money be paid to the conference treasurer and that the appropriations be made by the conference of next year on recommendation of the stationing committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Interest on hand at date of last report, September 25, 1903, \$163.36; paid by order of conference, \$167.87; amount overdrawn, \$4.51. Interest received on Sperry legacies, \$57.20; \$57.20 less \$4.51 leaves \$52.69 in treasury, September 14, 1904.

Partial payment on J. Robinson's note and interest on same, \$73; interest on Stevens' legacy, \$55; amount in treasury for year, \$128; loaned to conference treasurer, \$13.26; balance, \$114.74; amount brought forward, \$52.69; total amount in treasury, \$167.43. Paid by order of conference, \$125; balance in treasury, September 17, 1904, \$42.43.

A. K. BACON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Buffalo district, \$619.87; Genesee district, \$462.79; Allegany district, \$151.01; Chautauqua district, \$305.82; Wyoming district, \$94.35. Total, \$1633.84.

MRS. E. C. ALLEN.

II.—ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Sabbath is one of the fundamental principles of our holy religion. The Sabbath was instituted before the fall of man, for saith the word of God, "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them, and on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because that in it he had rested from all his work, which God created and made."

The observance of the Sabbath was early enjoined upon the human race. Our Creator, in whom we live and move and have our being, and in whom all wisdom dwells, planned for man's highest earthly and eternal welfare. By the observance of the Sabbath, man's physical and spiritual interests are greatly advanced. Remove the Sabbath and both man and beast would fail. Machinery is rendered more durable by the rest of the Sabbath. The increasing desecration of the holy Sabbath is an ill omen of the spiritual condition of humanity. The business meetings of the Trade's Unions which are so often held on the Lord's day, the Sabbath excursions by water and rail, Sunday visiting of professors of the religion of Him who said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," the patronizing of the street car on the Sabbath, the Sunday newspaper, cheese and butter-making on the holy Sabbath; all these, and much more of kindred desecrations are alarming. Sabbath desecration blunts the spiritual sensibilities, and paves the way for increased sinfulness. He who is slack concerning the observance of the Sabbath, soon becomes indifferent to other claims, which God has upon him. The desecration of the Sabbath was punishable by death under the law, and God's people anciently were prohibited from speaking their own words, or thinking their own thoughts on the Sabbath day. As a church, let us re-affirm our position on the observance of the Sabbath, yea, if possible, hold with greater tenacity to these foundation principles of Christianity, by preaching more frequently on the subject, and in every possible manner, by precept and example, enforce upon our people, and as far as our influence may reach, the proper observance of the fourth commandment.

III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Immediately after the great and glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, in order to bring to the attention of the world-wide representation of the Jews then present at Jerusalem, their privileges in the new dispensation, Peter declared unto them, that the "promise" which on that day was fulfilled, "is unto you and your children, and to all that are afar off, and to as many as the Lord our God shall call." By calling the attention of these descendants of Abraham to the promise of the Holy Spirit as recorded by Joel, the prophet, Peter would have them understand that all those, both adults and children, who had been brought into covenant relation with God, by receiving the sign and seal of circumcision, were if they would seek for him by repentance and faith eligible to receive the justifying, sanctifying and energizing power of the Holy Spirit. Peter also affirms that the promise is to all that are afar off and to as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Hence both we and our children although afar off, if we have been brought into visible covenant relation by having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, may very decidedly conclude ourselves and our children to be included in the covenant and under the promise. So we have a right to expect that our children who have been brought into covenant relation with God, and have received proper home instruction and training in the things of the kingdom, will be brought to make a public acknowledgment of saving grace. Our Sabbath-schools although they do not, and are not designed to take the place of preaching the gospel, class-meetings and home-training, still the effort put forth by them is expected to supplement very efficiently, all the ordained, and prudential means of grace and also the home training. If this is a correct thought then we easily and correctly conclude that nothing should be allowed to connect with Sabbath-schools but that which is in harmony with the doctrines, discipline and experience of the Free Methodist church. Hence we feel it to be our duty to reject from our Sabbath schools all worldly appliances, such as picnics, excursions to popular resorts, concerts and church festivals.

Although we have no reason to congratulate ourselves on our marked success in Sunday-school work, yet when we compare the numbers which attend our Sunday-schools with those of the larger denominations we have reason for encouragement. The statistics of the larger churches show the attendance of children in their Sunday-schools just about equal to their membership. The statistics of the Free Methodist church show a larger attendance of scholars than our membership. Hence our reason for encouragement so far as attendance of scholars in our Sunday-schools is concerned. We also have reason for encouragement that some of our children are converted and added to the church, and many who have reached maturer years but as yet do not profess religion still adhere to, and maintain at proper times in the face of opposition, those doctrines and principles which were taught them in early life. We surely prefer them to be orthodox than heterodox. Yet a feeling of sadness settles upon us when we remember that so many of our young people prefer a more popular type of religion than is allowed by Free Methodism. In order to retain our young people we earnestly exhort all Free Methodists to a more joyful experience of the grace of God, more earnest prayer for the salvation of the young, and to an example of meekness, humility, self-denial, cross-bearing, and nonconformity to the world, so that they shall be convinced of the honesty of our purpose and professions.

We also recommend to our Free Methodist societies that in order to retain our young people under our influence that such arrangements be made as will give them something to do. This can be done by employing those who are qualified both by gifts and grace as teachers in the Sabbath-school, by giving some a part in the children's day exercises, by giving them work in the monthly missionary meetings and by organizing them into juvenile missionary societies. A returned missionary of another denomination was heard to say to a church in the village of Perry who after having told of the gracious work of God among the heathen at a certain place, affirmed that all this had been accomplished without resort to excursions, festivals, concerts and Christmas trees.

We take pleasure in the fact that the Free Methodist church, through its appointed agent, publishes a Sunday-school literature which is able, pure, interesting and morally elevating. Hence we earnestly recommend to all Free Methodist Sunday-schools that they pray and subscribe for our church periodicals.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

We live in an educational age and no doubt the attention given to mental training will be increasingly greater as time passes by. Our public school system is rapidly advancing and an earnest effort is being made to bring it to a greater degree of perfection.

Free schools of all grades from the kindergarten to the college preparatory are open for all, and he who wills may secure an education. We are very thankful for this yet we recognize a fearful lack. In a large degree the educational training tends rather to intellectual achievement than to moral advancement. Plato has defined the system of educa-

tion, as "that which gives to the body and to the soul all the beauty and all the perfection of which they are capable."

Our education should be threefold, viz., physical, mental and spiritual. To cultivate the one to the neglect of the other two will mean failure to develop a perfect man or woman.

We rejoice in the fact that our people are alert with reference to the matter of mental and moral development, which so vitally concerns us as a people. We note with great satisfaction the progress of our college and seminaries and the interest manifest in the Christian education and which prompts men to generous donations for their support. These schools have great claims upon us, as they provide a place where our children may acquire an education without having their minds filled with worldliness, infidelity and higher criticism.

From these noble institutions reared among us, the results of prayer and loving self-denial, comes the call: Send us your boys and girls, stand by us with your prayers and your money and we will continue to produce trained men and women who will be a blessing to the church both at home and abroad.

We would earnestly exhort our people to listen to this plea and send children and means to the schools and prayers to the throne of grace for the success of our educational institutions.

While we believe that the Lord can use men having little or no education, we find that these men when thoroughly prepared for their work can be used of the Holy Spirit to greater advantage. Therefore, we heartily endorse the present system of conference examinations for our preachers as being both impartial and practical.

V.—CHURCH LITERATURE.

A choice of Free Methodism is also a choice of its publications, unless the literature or the elector is greatly at fault, but its literature is excellent. The *Free Methodist* covers the area of our field of action with instruction and blessing. The Sunday-school supplies do not belie in any department the term used to designate them. The *Missionary Tidings* brings us intelligently face to face with the "White Man's Burden," as Christians are able to view it. The *Earnest Christian* presents the doctrine and experience of holiness in a clear and attractive light.

Our publishing house is issuing carefully selected literature of many kinds, and deserves our liberal patronage. Like the saints it produces, though in a somewhat different sense, the Bible stands complete in all the will of God, and is at once the pioneer for all other good literature and the measure of its merit. Inquisitors, higher critics, Christian Scientists and the aggregated anti-Christian brood may attempt to destroy it, but they cannot change the smallest of its precepts, find flaws in the most obscure of its narrations, come back in anything but confusion from an attack on the divinity of the Christ it reveals, or lessen by jot or tittle its ineffable salvation. It is the word of God that liveth and abideth forever. In Satan's effort to bring it to naught, we have a strong sidelight upon its infinite moral value. The reasons for reading it, studying it and living upon it are cumulative. Also in the many instances the man makes the book; in this instance the book makes the man.

VI.—ON MEMOIRS.

REV. LEVI WOOD was born in Rensselaer county, New York, May 2, 1828, and died at his home in Bradford, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1904. His ancestry dates back to one William Wood, who came to Plymouth Rock, in 1628. In 1832 with his parents he moved to the town of Ridgeway, Orleans county, New York, where he remained until he was twenty years of age. He was converted at the age of fourteen. He began to hold meetings in schoolhouses and churches at the age of sixteen, having received license as an exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal church, but he always took a text and had the privilege of seeing souls converted in meetings which he held.

He thus early felt clearly the call to the ministry as his life's work and at the age of 18 received license as a local preacher, and to prepare himself for this work he attended three terms of school at the preparatory course of Meadville College, Pennsylvania, and afterwards three terms at Lima Seminary. During the winter spent in school at Lima he became interested in the doctrine of entire holiness and felt his need of it, not only because it was God's will but also that he might be better qualified to lead others to Christ. He sought it earnestly alone with God and found the blessing. It came with such an inward assurance as to preclude all doubt, but in a few days he lost the witness. When in this state of mind he went to a camp-meeting in 1850. He there sought the full baptism of the Spirit and was fully saved. Thus clothed with power he entered upon the work of a traveling preacher in the East Genesee conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. He traveled seven years in that conference and during that time several hundreds of souls were powerfully converted and about two hundred fully sanctified as the fruit of his labor. He then located, intending to join the Genesee conference, as his aged parents and other relatives

were living within its bounds. He attended some of the general quarterly meetings which were originated by Brother Loren Stiles, while he was presiding elder of Genesee district, Genesee conference. Though in love and sympathy with the great work of holiness that was going on in our Genesee conference, of Methodist Episcopal church, at that time, yet he thought it best to wait and not join us just then. But he was soon called to take an active part in promoting the blessed work. He assisted Rev. William C. Kendall in a wonderful revival of religion at West Falls, New York. He had gone from there but a short time before Brother Kendall died in holy triumph, and Brother Wood was appointed by Rev. Gleson Filmore, presiding elder of the district, to take Brother Kendall's place as preacher in charge of West Falls circuit. At the ensuing conference, in 1858, Brothers Roberts and McCreery were expelled from the Genesee conference and the Methodist Episcopal church by the Masonic power in the conference. At the conference in 1859 Brothers Stiles, Burlingham, Cooley and Wells were also expelled, and in all eight others of the salvation preachers of that conference were crowded to location. Brother Wood saw and heard all these things, and when the general conference of 1860 brought no relief to the oppressed ones and scores of the laymen who had been read out as having withdrawn from the old church, he, and others of us, were by these tribulations quite prepared to enter the life boat, soon after she was launched. Brother Wood joined the Free Methodist church in July, 1861, and the Genesee conference in October of that year. During the forty-three years of his membership in the conference, he had served several years as pastor on circuits and three years at least as chairman of districts. The conference has shown great confidence in him by electing him five times as delegate to the general conference.

What brought him most publicly before the whole church was his connection with the *Free Methodist*. Under great discouragements he started the paper and for nearly three years was both editor and publisher, and gave the church a paper that has proved a blessing and a help to thousands of readers.

As a preacher, we need only to say he was truly a Bible preacher, mighty in the Scriptures, and on great occasions wonderfully eloquent and powerful. His sickness was brief, lasting only one day, before he entered the portals of glory.

REV. RICHARD S. PHILLIPS was born in Norham, Ontario, Canada, October 9, 1843, and died in Brockport, New York, December 26, 1903. He came to this state in 1861 and experienced religion the following year. He received a local preacher's license in November, 1868, and was employed the same year as assistant pastor on Parma and Chili circuit, with Rev. A. H. Green, of precious memory. On November 18, 1869, he was married to Gertrude E. Hiscock, and in January, 1870, they moved to Kansas, where they remained about three years, a portion of which time Brother Phillips supplied the work in Lawrence and Ohio City. In 1874 he was admitted into the Genesee conference of our Zion, and remained a member until called home to glory. He served the following circuits: Belmont, East Otto, Tonawanda, Kenyonville and Gaines, Franklinville, Lockport, Alexander and Bethany, Gainsville, Brockport and Hulberton, Parma and Chili, Sweden, Newfane. Owing to failing health, he was obliged to relinquish the active work five years ago last fall.

While at Newfane, his last charge, Bright's disease began and, baffling medical skill, continued until he entered the rest eternal. He leaves his companion, an affectionate daughter, Mrs. Clarence O. Swickard, three brothers and three sisters.

Our departed brother was a preacher of more than ordinary ability; original, logical and clear in the presentation of truth and oftentimes, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, would reach a height of eloquence which thrilled his audience, bringing great inspiration to the church of God and deep conviction to sinners. Brother Phillips was a man of integrity, of deep religious convictions, loyal to the church of his choice and to God, a devoted husband, an affectionate father, a faithful friend. During his long protracted illness his patience was marked indeed. He looked forward to the time of his departure with great composure, yea, with holy triumph, and exclaimed, "My reward is with him, my record is on high."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE

GENESEE, WYOMING AND BUFFALO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conf. and Church Funds	General Superintendents' Claims	Conference Missions Claims	General Mission Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Society
GENESEE DISTRICT	J. H. Harmon, Dist. Elder																	
	Rochester.....	42	5	47	1	1	1	12	60	10	18 15	9 90	6 00	8 25	1 70		7 65	\$ 65 00
	Parma and Chili.....	109	5	114	2	5	42	175	37	35 64	19 44	21 60	21 60	21 60	10 80		209 80	
	Brookport and Hulberton.....	10		10		1	6	32	4		1 06	1 00	1 00					4 00
	Sweden.....	17		17		1	6	20	4	61	16 50	10 00	10 00	2 55	1 70			18 50
	Kendall.....	55	2	57	1	2	23	152	9	33 20	18 36	20 40	20 40	15 00	10 20			40 30
	W. J. Whiffen, supply.....	95	5	100	1	1	15	94	28	33 20	9 24	5 04	7 60	4 20	2 80		1 00	
	Albion.....	28		28	2	1	4	16	7									
	Gaines and Kenyonville.....																	
	J. J. Kelly, supply.....																	
WYOMING DISTRICT	E. A. Taylor, Dist. Elder																	
	Perry.....	39	2	41		1	9	70	10	12 87	7 02	7 80	7 80	5 85	3 90			53 75
	Batavia, Alexander, Belbany, Greigsville.....																	
	Philo Miner, supply.....	37		37	8	3	18	85	8	2 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	1 50	3 00			
	Johnsonburg and Union Corners.....	18	2	20		2	13	38	7	5 94	3 24	3 60	3 60	2 70	1 80			
	Gainsville and Wethersfield Springs.....	39	1	40	1	2	10	80	5	13 55	7 58	8 20	8 20	6 15	4 10			11 20
	Leroy.....																	
	Supply.....																	
BUFFALO DISTRICT	F. F. Shoup, District Elder																	
	Buffalo, (Virginia Street).....	55	12	67	1	1	14	55	19	17 82	11 70	9 72	10 80	8 10	5 40			192 21
	" (Potomac Avenue).....	43	23	66	1	1	14	130	7	14 19	6 83	7 74	8 60	6 45	4 30			77 07
	" (Marion Avenue).....	22	4	26	1	2	1	10	70	7		3 78	3 20	3 15	1 75			66 07
	South Buffalo.....																	
	Supplied.....																	
	E. C. Reber.....	37	4	41		1	14	90	12	11 70	7 02	7 80	7 80	5 85	3 90			56 00
	Akron.....	45	2	47		1	15	45	8	14 99	7 74	8 60	8 60	6 45	4 30			
	Lockport.....	13	1	14		1	9	63	8	3 95	2 16	2 40	2 40	1 80	1 20			6 70
	Pendleton and Shawnee.....	31	2	33		1	10	17	3	9 00	5 04	5 60	5 60	3 80	2 00			
Newfane and Wilson.....	31	1	32		2	11	53	3	10 23	5 58	6 20	6 20	4 65	3 10			17 00	
Ransomville.....	30		30		2	8	60	16	17 82	9 80	16 17	8 82	9 80	4 90				
Tonawanda.....	51	25	75		1	8	60	16	17 82	9 80	16 17	8 82	9 80	4 90				
Niagara Falls and Aluminum Park.....	40	9	49	3	1	14	60	12	13 20	7 20	8 00	8 00	6 00	4 00			27 66	
Nak Orchard (a new charge).....	Levi Ecker	1	5	6													2 00	7 00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

ALLEGANY AND CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ALLEGANY DISTRICT																		
E. A. Taylor, District Elder																		
Allegany and Dutch Hill	G. M. Allen	47	3	50	1	1	1	8	36	7	14	52	7	60	2	2		\$ 10 49
Belmont and Ford's Brook	D. W. Steele	31	10	41	1	1	1	5	30	14	7	24	3	60	1	1		14 77
Bolivar	M. E. Ellis	42	12	54	1	1	2	14	55	9	14	19	8	60	4	4		12 00
East, Ashford and Springville	L. F. Clark	43	7	50	1	1	2	10	74	12	15	64	7	60	2	2		
Elko, Yorkshire and Delevan	G. D. Mack	43	7	50	1	1	1	10	47	7	10	28	5	60	1	1		
Franklinville	H. A. Bowers	31	4	35	1	1	1	10	47	7	10	28	5	60	1	1		
Rushford and Rockville	N. B. Martin	64	6	70	1	1	2	12	95	27	21	78	11	88	3	3	\$ 35 06	27 16
Wales, Town Line and East Aurora	C. L. Sovernal	39	3	42	2	2	3	13	59	10	12	54	6	84	3	3		
West Falls and Colden	Supplied	10	10	20														
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT																		
J. O. Regan, District Elder																		
Forestville and Fredonia	T. S. Simpson	51	9	60	1	2	17	52	10	15	84	8	64	9	60	4		38 72
Salamanca, Great Valley, Red House	T. S. Slocum	18	1	19	1	1	8	32	4	5	9	24	3	65	2	2		
South Dayton, Leon, Cherry Creek	G. B. Tingle	35	4	39	1	1	6	30	5	10	89	5	94	6	60	4		
East Randolph and Ellington	C. W. Thurber	45	8	53	1	1	7	24	12	14	85	8	10	60	6	6		12 00
Jamestown	J. H. Wheeler	67	11	78	1	1	9	134	18	18	81	10	26	11	60	5		50 75
Gerry	A. H. Bennett	65	15	80	1	1	12	123	18	18	81	10	26	11	60	5		50 75
Cattaraugus, New Albion, Little Valley	A. W. Manning	37	8	45	1	1	8	40	10	17	53	4	14	3	60	2		13 00
Gowanda and North Collins	W. T. Underwood	17	1	18	1	1	1	8	40	10	17	53	4	14	3	60		13 00
Collins Center and Marshfield	N. L. Goodenough	26	6	32	1	2	17	69	6	9	24	5	04	5	60	2		17 35
Total		1535	269	1744	29	11	54	429	2390	390	\$ 482 02	\$ 288 74	\$ 292 60	\$ 217 18	\$132 20		\$ 65 61	1288 80

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GENESEE DISTRICT											
Rochester.....			\$ 43 80		\$ 734 52	\$ 28 41		1	\$ 4000	1	\$ 6000
Parma and Chili.....			75 50	\$ 5 40	800 00		\$ 30 90	2	10000	2	2500
Brockport and Hulberton.....								2	2500		
Sweden.....	\$ 1 85	\$ 1 50	16 02		241 50	13 89		1	1500	1	750
Kendall.....	1 25	4 22	43 27	2 50	475 00			2	4500	1	1500
Albion.....	3 00	3 00	51 02	5 00	600 00	6 52		1	8000	1	1400
Gaines and Kenyonville.....	7 00		8 93	1 40	225 00	8 00	8 10	1	2000	1	700
WYOMING DISTRICT											
Perry.....			23 48	1 95	469 47	41 45		1	1500	1	2000
Batavia, Alexander, Bethany and Greigsville.....	85	2 50	16 10	1 50	303 39	46 08		4	2500	1	600
Johnsonburg and Union Corners.....			16 58	90	390 55	33 59		2	2000	1	500
Gainsville and Wethersfield Springs.....		1 60	14 47	2 05	360 00	29 46	13 76	2	2600		
Le Roy.....											
BUFFALO DISTRICT											
Buffalo, (Virginia Street).....		3 24	69 64	2 70	776 36	105 00		1	10000	1	3200
" (Potomac Avenue).....			113 60	2 15	500 00	66 00		1	3100	1	2700
" (Marion Avenue).....	2 12		54 79	1 05	435 59	35 98		1	1400	1	1200
South Buffalo.....											
Akron.....			75 25	1 95	438 74	46 00	2 75	1	2000	1	1500
Lockport.....	50	50	35 00	2 15	465 00	60 00		1	5000	1	700
Pendleton and Shawnee.....			20 24	60	297 18	38 09		1	2500	1	800
Newfane and Wilson.....	2 00		15 00	1 40	437 00	32 36		2	2200	1	1800
Ransomville.....			18 23	1 55	300 00	40 00		1	2000	1	700
Tonawanda.....			59 74	2 45	600 00	56 00		1	5000	1	2000
Niagara Falls and Aluminum Park.....	1 00	3 05	51 59	2 00	694 03	60 59		1	3000	1	1500
Oak Orchard (a new charge).....					205 00	12 90					
ALLEGANY DISTRICT											
Allegany and Dutch Hill.....			24 92	2 20	236 50	28 00		2	3000	1	1000
Belmont and Ford's Brook.....		1 37	18 00	1 40	206 74	26 27	6 00	2	1500	1	800
Bolivar.....				95	180 57	12 60	20 00	1	1500	1	800
East Otto, Ashford and Springville.....		1 35	30 00	2 13	362 85	30 70	7 75	1	1000	1	1000
Elton, Yorkshire and Delevan.....			34 71	2 30	360 45	41 00	44 32	2	1800	1	600
Franklinville.....		60	16 36	1 55	300 00	20 29		1	2000	1	1200
Bushford and Rockville.....		4 17	38 93	3 80	400 11	44 72		2	2000	1	700
Wales, Town Line and East Aurora.....		69	35 00	1 80	347 44	39 50		2	1500	1	700
West Falls and Colden.....											
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT											
Forestville and Fredonia.....			25 92		431 66	51 24	8 00	2	5200	1	800
Salamanca, Great Valley and Red House.....			12 80	90	72 00	30 00		1	900	1	650
South Dayton, Leon, Cherry Creek.....			9 55	1 65	321 05	37 77		2	2500		
East Randolph and Ellington.....			7 00	2 25	291 93	41 13	5 05	1	1000		
Jamestown.....	3 64	3 00	71 79	2 85	658 18	72 06	18 71	1	2500	1	2000
Gerry.....		2 15	30 00	2 85	460 17	72 90		1	1500	1	1000
Cattaraugus, New Albion and Little Valley.....											
Gowanda and North Collins.....			14 00	2 15	250 00	41 35		2	2200		
Collins Center and Marshfield.....			7 00		266 63	24 96		2	3600	1	1200
			25 50	1 86	236 60	35 00		2	1650	1	500
Total.....	\$23 19	\$32 94	\$1293 83	\$68 26	\$1596 34	\$1703 98	\$ 165 37	60	\$ 110850	34	\$44900

Raised for tracts, \$8.85

The Buffalo district elder reported having received \$190.39 in excess of the \$528.64 received from his district.

The district elder of the Allegany and Wyoming districts reported having received \$64.06 in excess of the \$393.61 received from his districts.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT SIMON,
PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 14-17, 1904.

OFFICERS

W. H. CLARK, *President*.

J. T. LOGAN, *Secretary*.

W. R. TAMBLYN, *Assistant Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. H. Clark, A. G. Miller, G. Eakins, S. E. Davies.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—C. F. Wurster.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—A. W. Myer, H. W. Armstrong,
O. D. Seward, D. J. Santmier.

Conference Tellers—B. A. Scull, W. J. Mosedale.

Conference Treasurers—J. Wintsch, C. F. Wurster.

On Reforms—D. J. Santmier, J. T. Logan, H. W. Armstrong.

On Education—W. Gould, S. A. Dickson, A. Sergeant.

On Publications—L. E. Barriger, A. W. Myer, B. A. Scull.

On Sunday-schools—W. R. Tamblyn, O. D. Seward, S. A. Dickson.

On the State of the Work—G. Eakins, A. G. Miller, H. W. Armstrong, E. H. Ryman, A. Sergeant.

On Memoirs—G. Eakins, J. T. Logan, A. G. Miller, W. R. Tamblyn, J. Wintsch.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. H. Clark, G. Eakins, A. G. Miller, A. Sergeant, T. Eva.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—J. T. Logan.

On Publications—W. R. Tamblyn.

On Education—O. D. Seward.

On Sunday-schools—A. W. Myer.

On the State of the Work—A. G. Miller.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

O. D. Seward, president; W. B. Bertels, treasurer; H. W. Armstrong, secretary;
A. G. Miller, O. V. Ketels.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

G. Eakins, president; W. B. Bertels, treasurer; A. W. Myer, secretary; A. G. Miller, A. Sergeant.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. Eakins, president; H. W. Armstrong, secretary; A. G. Miller.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

W. B. Bertels, H. Pedlar, term expires 1905; C. O. Schantz, term expires 1906
R. P. Johnston, G. Eakins, term expires 1907.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Miss Sarah A. Dickson, Haddonfield, New Jersey; first vice president, Miss A. Eliza Haviland, Brooklyn, New York; second vice president, Mrs. Lucy Martin, Lake Como, Pennsylvania; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary K. Eakins, Windsor, New York; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Nellie M. Payne, Big Hollow, New York; treasurer, Mrs. Louisa Cavanaugh, White Haven, Pennsylvania.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER

J. Wintsch.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. Gould,	S. V. McVey,	O. V. Ketels,	G. Eakins.
C. F. Wurster,	J. Wintsch,	J. W. Tambllyn,	D. J. Santmier,
A. G. Miller,	W. B. Rose,	J. T. Logan,	O. D. Seward.
J. Cavanaugh,	H. W. Armstrong,	J. E. Payne,	A. W. Myer.
W. R. Tambllyn,	B. A. Scull,	M. B. Myer,	S. E. Davies,
C. A. Kress,	I. D. Pembleton.		

DELEGATES

A. E. Haviland,	J. G. Grossberger,	J. Eberhardt,	W. W. Bartholomew,
Nellie M. Payne.	R. C. Smith,	Sarah A. Dickson,	A. Sergeant,
T. Eva,	E. H. Ryman,	E. Kindred,	E. Wells,
F. A. Bristol,	Lucy Martin,	J. Crompton,	O. W. Fox.
S. E. Franklin,	E. F. Myer,	O. Olver,	G. Peverill.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. H. Clark, A. G. Miller, G. Eakins, A. Sergeant, T. Eva.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. J. Mosedale, R. C. Smith.

4. Who remain on trial? A. Santmier. (A. M. Bertels, on trial, was given certificate of standing).

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. A. Kress, B. A. Scull.

6. Who are the deacons? C. A. Kress, B. A. Scull, W. J. Mosedale (local deacon); all ordained this year.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? S. E. Davies.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. V. McVey.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? I. D. Pembleton, from the Kansas conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? E. Freeman.

13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? J. T. Michael.

16-23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At White Haven, Pennsylvania, on the second Wednesday of September, 1905.

APPOINTMENTS

NEW YORK DISTRICT—A. G. MILLER, District Elder.

Brooklyn.....	W. R. Tambllyn
New York.....	C. F. Wurster
Newark.....	O. V. Ketels
Elizabeth.....	To be supplied
Dover and Amity.....	O. D. Seward

Allentown and Phillipsburg W. Gould
 White Haven, Beaumont and Sandy Valley J. Cavanaugh
 W. B. Rose, assistant publishing agent; D. J. Santmier, conference missionary; A. G. Miller, member New York district quarterly conference.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—A. G. MILLER, District Elder.

Philadelphia and West Philadelphia S. E. Davies
 Vineland To be supplied
 Pleasant Hill and Havre de Grace To be supplied
 Alexandria and Washington B. A. Scull
 Avery, Lay Hill, Rockville and Spencerville J. W. Tamblyn

WILKES-BARRE DISTRICT—G. EAKINS, District Elder.

Wilkes-Barre and Dorranceton I. D. Pembleton
 Orange, Harvey's Lake, Plattsburg, Dallas I. Sutton, supply
 Prospect Hill, Keiserville, Meshoppen, Russell Hill M. B. Myer
 Waverly, Scranton, Highland and Glenwood H. W. Armstrong
 Beech Lake and Berlin J. Wintsch
 Simon, Ariel and Pink G. Mosedale, supply

J. T. Logan, office editor of the *Free Methodist*; S. V. McVey, supernumerary; G. Eakins, member Wilkes-Barre district quarterly conference.

WINDSOR DISTRICT—G. EAKINS, District Elder.

Windsor and East Windsor To be supplied
 Bainbridge, Unadilla and Portlandville To be supplied
 Uniondale, Ararat and West Preston A. H. Smith, supply
 Stevens' Point, Oquaga Lake and Kenyon Hill To be supplied
 Lake Como, Stanton Hill, Babbittsville, Equinunk and Sherwoods C. A. Kress
 Walton W. J. Mosedale
 Liberty Falls, Briscoe, Egypt, Berrybrook A. W. Myer
 Big Hollow and North Settlement J. E. Payne
 Allaben and Pine Hill R. C. Smith
 Godeffroy and Milford E. S. Wolfe, E. F. Myer, supplies

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

Year of Admission into full connection	Name	Address
1863	W. Gould	444 Turner street, Allentown, Pennsylvania
1872	S. V. McVey	Hollisterville, "
1874	O. V. Ketels	249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey
1876	G. Eakins	Windsor, New York
1877	C. F. Wurster	14 Utica avenue, Brooklyn, "
1878	J. Wintsch	Beech Lake, Pennsylvania
1878	J. W. Tamblyn	Rockville, Maryland
1880	D. J. Santmier	White Haven, Pennsylvania
1881	A. G. Miller	110 Bullman street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey
1882	W. B. Rose	14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois
1885	J. T. Logan	14 North May street, "
1885	O. D. Seward	Dover, New Jersey
1890	J. Cavanaugh	White Haven, Pennsylvania
1892	H. W. Armstrong	Waverly, "
1893	J. E. Payne	Big Hollow, New York
1896	A. W. Myer	Ferndale, "
1896	W. R. Tamblyn	124 Sixteenth street, Brooklyn, "
1898	M. B. Myer	Vose, Pennsylvania
1902	S. E. Davies	"
1904	C. A. Kress	Lake Como, "
1904	B. A. Scull	Alexandria, Virginia
1904	I. D. Pembleton	2 Plum Lane, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

ON TRIAL.

1901	A. Santmier	
1904	R. C. Smith	Allaben, New
1904	W. J. Mosedale	Walton, "

EVANGELISTS

- *Mrs. Mary E. Santmier ... White Haven, Pennsylvania.
 *Mrs. Calista Fairchild, Pelham, New York
 Mrs. Lulu Pantley..... Milford, Pennsylvania.
 A. H. Michael Windsor, New York
 *Mrs. Ellen M. Reed Waymart, Pennsylvania.
 *Mrs. Lillie E. Barriger 19 East South street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
 Mrs. Louisa Smith..... 206 Avenue B, New York City, New York.
 *Mrs. Ella S. Armstrong... Waverly, Pennsylvania
- *Mrs. Mattie A. Schaffer..... White Haven, Pennsylvania.
 Mrs. Nellie M. Payne, Big Hollow, New York
 Mrs. Emma Armstrong..... Vineland, New Jersey.
 Mrs. Fanny Peverill.... Alexandria, Virginia
 *Miss A. E. Haviland, 236 Seventeenth street, Brooklyn, New York.
 *Mrs. Lucy Martin... Lake Como, Pennsylvania.
 Mrs. Mary E. Walker .. Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

LOCAL PREACHERS—ELDERS

- W. B. Bertels, 19 East South street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
 J. T. Smith..... Alexandria, Virginia
 G. W. Swingle.... South Canaan, Pennsylvania
- W. H. Laning... 1307 Race street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 A. Sergeant..... Wilmington, Delaware

LOCAL PREACHERS—DEACONS

- B. G. Ely..... Pink, Pennsylvania
 M. A. Parker..... Hamilton, New York
 E. F. Dewey Walton, New York
 A. R. Henry, 2185 West Susquehanna avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- D. M. Thomas..... Milford, Pennsylvania
 W. W. Bartholomew... Ferndale, New York
 E. S. Wolfe..... Milford, Pennsylvania
 E. D. Prentice..... Starrucca, "

LOCAL PREACHERS—UNORDAINED

- B. C. Fuller..... Waverly, Pennsylvania
 C. McKinney..... Simon, "
 A. Wattrous Windsor, New York
 V. C. Ketels, 155 Thirty-first street, Brooklyn, New York.
 J. Q. Tompkins... 364 Eighteenth street, Brooklyn, New York.
 George Brazee..... Walton, New York
 E. F. Myer..... Godeffroy, "
 A. H. Smith..... Uniondale, Pennsylvania
 P. R. Phillips... West Lenox, "
 Isaac Sutton..... Orange, "
 U. D. Barber... Springville, "
 S. O. Watson, White Haven, "
 James Nichols Orson, "
 A. W. Down... Dorranceton, "
 S. J. Thickett..... New Rochelle, New York
- W. H. Sands Dover, New Jersey
 F. B. Sanford Deposit, New York
 Benjamin Armstrong.. Vineland, New Jersey
 R. P. Johnston 128 Nineteenth street, Brooklyn, New York.
 J. W. Gould... 246 Fourteenth street, Brooklyn, New York.
 George Peverill..... Alexandria, Virginia
 Isaiah Parker..... Avery, Maryland
 W. J. Barnes..... Beech Lake, Pennsylvania
 B. F. Schantz Allentown, "
 J. D. Howard Windham, New York
 C. A. Syreen Liberty, "
 Z. A. Swingle Mt. Cobb, Pennsylvania
 Owen Olver..... Beech Lake, "
 J. W. Wetherill... White Haven, "

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-first annual session of the New York conference was held at Simon, Pennsylvania, September 14-17, 1904. In the absence of General Superintendent E. P. Hart, Rev. W. H. Clark, of the Susquehanna conference, presided with marked ability. Five sittings were held.

Rev. A. Eastman, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of South Canaan, and Rev. L. D. Perkins, manager of the orphanage and home at Gerry, New York, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats. Rev. W. B. Bertels, Rev. D. M. Thomas,

*Licensed by the annual conference.

Rev. A. R. Henry, W. F. Miller, Mrs. Fanny Peverill, Mrs. L. E. Barriger, Miss Florence A. Bertels, and those who had been supplying circuits were invited to honorary seats.

The collections were ordered to be taken in the following order: First quarter, Conference Missions; second quarter, General Missions and Permanent Fund; third quarter, Superannuated Claims; fourth quarter, General Superintendents' Claim and Church Extension.

A vote of thanks was extended to the president for the efficient and impartial manner in which he presided over the conference; to the people of Simon for hospitality shown; to the pastor of the church for services rendered the conference; and to the secretaries and treasurers for their work.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—Raised, \$24.70.

FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS.—Appropriations for next year: Elizabeth McDougall, \$75; Emma H. Haviland and children, \$112; Maggie Scull and children, \$97; Emily Travis, \$100. Total, \$384.

MISSIONARY BOARD TREASURER.—Raised \$510.30. Paid deficiency of last year, \$41.16; D. M. Thomas, \$110; D. J. Santmier, \$382.50. Total paid, \$533.66. Due treasurer, \$23.36.

SUPERANNUATED FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$359.37.

PERMANENT FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$54.45.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$196.02.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Apportioned and paid, \$108.90.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Apportioned and paid, \$163.35.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—\$647.55.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—\$15.29.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—\$15.69.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

REV. JOHN T. MICHAEL was born on December 10, 1852, to William H. and Henrietta Michael, in Harford county, Maryland, and at the age of six years moved with the family to Baltimore. Here he was educated in private schools. At about the age of twenty he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. After preaching for a while he entered and took a full course in the Drew Theological Seminary, after which he preached a few years longer in the Methodist Episcopal church. He was admitted to the New York conference of the Free Methodist church at its sixth annual session, held in Philadelphia, in September, 1879. His first appointment was to the Phillipsburg and Kingwood circuit, in connection with the Rev. A. G. Miller. At the next annual conference, in 1880, he was appointed to Alexandria, Washington and Georgetown. The next annual conference, in 1881, formed Washington, Alexandria and Virginia Mission into a district, and he was re-appointed to this work and made local chairman of the district. He remained only a short time, however, as he accepted an appointment, the same fall, at Pittsburg, and was made local chairman of the Pittsburg district in the Genesee conference, to which he was transferred. In 1882, he was made traveling chairman of the Pittsburg district. This year the conference was divided and the Pittsburg conference formed. He seems to have traveled the Pittsburg and Oil City districts of the Pittsburg conference for five consecutive years, from 1883 to 1887, inclusive. In 1888 he returned to the New York conference and was elected to travel the Wilkes-Barre and Windsor districts. He served the New York and Philadelphia districts from 1889 to 1891. In 1892, he was granted a superannuated relation without claim, at his own request. He served Vineland, New Jersey, during the years 1893 and 1894. In 1895 he again took a superannuated relation, without claim, in which relation he was continued from year to year till 1899, inclusive. He did not like the supernumerary relation and hence, in 1900, he asked for the relation of evangelist, which, though merely nominal, was granted, and was continued from year to year till the day of his decease. He was a member of the general conferences of 1886 and 1890, and was elected delegate to the conference of 1894, but did not attend. For four years he was one of the corresponding editors of the *Free Methodist*.

His funeral was held in the Presbyterian church (it being thought that the Free Methodist church would not be large enough) at Vineland, New Jersey, where he was buried. At his request the service was conducted by Rev. G. Eakins, who was to be assisted by his life-long friend, A. G. Miller. Brother Eakins was assisted by the Rev. John Wintsch, who visited him almost every day during the eight weeks he was sick in the hospital, acting as his secretary and showing him every kindness possible; Rev. J. W. Tamblin; Rev. Mr. Matthews, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Drs. Moore, King and Conwell, of the

Presbyterian church. The last named, who is a medical doctor, is the Christian mayor of the city. He not only endorsed all that preceding speakers had said of the deceased as a godly man and an able minister of the New Testament, but he also spoke of him in terms of highest praise as a rare example of business honesty and as a helpful citizen of extraordinary intelligence, a powerful factor for good, and a waymark in the community. "Who," he asked, "launched the citizen's movement, looking to my election in the interest of good government? Who printed and distributed booklets at his own expense? Who wrote articles for the papers? The deceased." To him, in a large degree, Dr. Conwell thought he owed his election. When he wanted information, advice, or a clipping from a paper, he went to him and he was not disappointed. "I did not always agree with him, nor did he always agree with me," said Dr. Conwell, "but I always knew he was honest." All the speakers agreed that he was a man of unblemished Christian character and of unusual worth.

Indeed he was no ordinary man. Physically he was not an imposing figure; yet the close and discriminating observer could not fail to discover in his face evidences of thoughtfulness and of unusual intelligence. Of medium height, slimly built, compassed with infirmity, he was not a man that would at first sight impress, much less awe, the casual observer. He reminded us of Roger Ascham, Lady Jane Grey's tutor, who possessed a most wonderful mind in a deformed body. Lady Jane asked him one day, "Why did God give you such a mind in such a body?" He replied, "In what does your father store his choicest wines?" Being told in wooden or earthen vessels, he inquired. "Why does he not keep them in vessels of gold?" She replied, "Because they would spoil." He said, "For the same reason God has given me such a mind in such a body." So the deceased had a most wonderful mind in a frail body.

While he was a student in Drew Theological Seminary it is said that Bishop Foster who was then a professor in that institution, and the deceased would sit and discuss the great theological questions while the rest of the class would sit by and listen. Bishop Foster, it is said, considered him the brightest mind that came to the seminary while he was instructor in that institution. And that Bishop Hurst in speaking of him when he was received into the Newark conference predicted that he would be the Richard Watson of American Methodism.

He had a penetrating mind that went to the bottom of what he undertook. As Dr. Watts suggests, "The mind is the measure of the man." Measured by this standard he was a giant indeed. Many of his brethren are saying, as David said of Abner, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" On earth it is said a man is dead. In heaven it is said a prince is born.

One of the mysteries of his life was that he should for so many years past bury such talents in a little business at Vineland, while many have thought that he should have been at the forefront leading forward the hosts of God. For in many respects he seemed to be made for leadership. Some have thought that his place would be in a theological chair in some seminary or university.

In one sense most of us realized that there was a wonderful distance between him and us. He seemed so much like a superior order of being. Yet he was as lowly, as humble, as affable, and as approachable as a little child. And in him was found a wise counsellor and a faithful friend.

Theologically, he was evangelical in his views. As a preacher he was always scriptural, clear, logical, convincing, apt in illustration and powerful in application. On great occasions, as at our camp-meetings and other great gatherings, the multitudes would hang breathlessly on his lips, and while they could not help admiring his gifts, when he got through they were not so much occupied with the man as with his message, for by the blessing of the Lord he fastened some great truth in their minds, making them feel that they wanted to be better. But it is when we come to consider his Christian character that we find most reason to adore the grace of God in him. If I were called upon to express his character, as known to me, in one word, that word would be purity or goodness. He was a pure, good man. He abhorred all manner of uncleanness and meanness. He was a living epistle known and read of all men. His single aim seemed to be to know that he might do the will of God. He proved it true as the poet has it,

"Ah, truth is easy, and the light shines clear,
In hearts kept open, honest and sincere."

"Let others fawn or seek for power
By doctrines suited to the varying hour,"

he would not do a wrong thing if he knew it for any consideration. No, not to save his life.

He was twice married. Two children were born to him by his first wife, whose maiden name was Mary E. Adams. Of this group, Mrs. Delia M. Edwards, with her husband and two children alone remain. For his second wife he married Grace Cornell, who survives

him, as does one brother, William G., and two sisters, Mrs. T. L. Sutherland and Miss E. Jeannetta Michael, all of Baltimore.

Whether he accomplished all that a man so largely endowed should accomplish in life, it is not our province to decide. One thing is certain, he was true to his convictions, and thoroughly loyal to God at the very core of his being. He never lost faith in Christ nor personal communion with God. He kept the faith and is gone to be with Jesus. May all of us who knew him follow him as he followed Jesus till with him we come to the mansions of the blessed.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Brooklyn			\$ 192 82	\$ 2 05	\$ 843 22			1	\$ 9000	1	\$ 3000
New York	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50	52 00	1 55	495 00			1	18000		
Newark	2 43	1 00	75 00	1 90	750 87			1	4000	1	1500
Elizabeth				35							
Dover and Amity				1 40	116 94			1	4000		
Liberty Falls, Briscoe, etc.			11 57	3 00	338 80			2	2000	1	1500
Allaben	2 16		41 87	1 85	310 20			1	1200		
Big Hollow and North Settlement				1 65	352 23			1	800	1	1000
Port Clinton and Milford				1 05							
Philadelphia, West Philadelphia and Vineland			15 00	1 30	654 79			1	8500	1	1400
Pleasant Hill and Havre de Grace				1 10				1	800		
Alexandria and Washington	1 00	1 35	20 00	2 30	413 66			1	1500		
Rockville, Lay Hill, Avery, Spencer-ville			26 00	3 40	581 50			1	1000		
Wilkes Barre and Dorranceton			84 66	3 05	* 470 15			1	9000		
Orange, Harvey's Lake, etc.				90				2	1500		
Prospect Hill, Keiserville, etc.			14 06	3 65	356 50			3	2800	1	250
Waverly, Scranton and Highland			23 96	2 95	460 75			2	2400		
White Haven and Beaumont			15 92	2 90	451 98			1	800		
Simon, Ariel and Pink	2 70	2 00	14 77	2 50	402 97			1	1500	1	350
Allentown	2 50		68 72	2 65	656 23			1	3500	1	2000
Phillipsburg				20				1	1500		
Windsor and East Windsor				2 10	337 33			2	2000	1	900
Bainbridge, Unadilla, etc.				45	91 45			1	800		
Uniondale, Ararat, West Preston				1 15	37 25			1	700		
Stevens Point, Oquaga Lake, etc.			6 88	1 55	83 47			1	800		
Lake Como, Stanton Hill, etc.	3 00		8 73	2 75	324 55			2	1200		
Walton and Baxter Brook		61	27 69	1 80	372 54			1	1200		
Beech Lake and Berlin		9 23	19 91	1 65	378 36			1	1800		
New York and Philadelphia districts, G. Eakins, District Elder						1011 54					
Wilkes Barre and Windsor districts, A. G. Miller, District Elder						936 56					
Raised for conference missionaries, D. J. Santmler and D. M. Thomas						533 66					
Total	\$15 29	\$15 69	\$ 719 56	\$37 95	\$9280 74	\$2481 76		33	\$ 82300	9	\$11900

*Of this J. T. Logan received \$110.73. Raised for tracts: Alexandria, 90 cents; Wilkes Barre, \$5.00

OHIO CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ZANESVILLE,
OHIO, AUGUST 24-28, 1904

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, *President.*

J. E. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

F. L. Hall, *Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, J. E. Williams, J. C. Sherburne.

On Publishing the Minutes—J. E. Williams, F. L. Hall.

On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. D. Crane, D. W. Wesley.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—O. L. Spencer, C. W. Smith, H. W. Sanderson.

On Education—J. A. Bolton, J. B. Thompson, J. Moody, Violet Osborne.

On Reforms—O. L. Spencer, G. A. Olmstead, R. Baker, Ida L. Gage.

On Publications—E. D. Crane, A. P. Harrell, M. V. Ealy, Effie Sayre.

On Sunday-schools—L. G. Lewis, J. H. Hayden, B. Amsbaugh, Sarah Beede.

For Conference Treasurer—F. L. Hall.

Auditing Committee—E. F. Aiken, J. Cain.

STANDING COMMITTEES

To Secure Reduced Rates to Conference Next Year—D. W. Wesley.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. E. Williams, president; J. W. Headley, secretary; F. C. Calkins, treasurer; R. Baker, J. Cain.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. C. Sherburne, for three years; F. L. Hall, for two years; D. W. Wesley, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—W. B. Olmstead.

On Education—J. C. Sherburne.

On Sunday-schools—F. L. Hall.

On Reforms—A. P. Harrell.

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Mary E. Hall, president, North Baltimore, Ohio; Alice E. Lewis, vice president, 512 Bridge street, Cleveland, Ohio; Lena S. Thompson, corresponding secretary, Jefferson, Ohio; Helen S. Bolton, recording secretary, Urbana, Ohio; Clara Hayden, treasurer, Holland, Ohio; Etta Wesley, librarian, 520 Belknap street, Zanesville, Ohio.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. W. Headley,
J. H. Hayden,
A. Stevens,
H. W. Sanderson,
D. W. Wesley,
O. L. Spencer,
J. B. Thompson,

J. E. Williams,
J. Lawrence,
H. F. Hall,
O. F. Scott,
W. F. Matthewson,
G. R. Morris,
J. A. Hopkins,

F. C. Calkins,
G. A. Olmstead,
F. DeLong,
J. A. Bolton,
B. B. Casto,
A. P. Harrell,
C. W. Smith.

F. L. Hall,
E. N. Foulk,
J. C. Sherburne,
E. D. Crane,
L. G. Lewis,
W. B. Olmstead,

DELEGATES

J. Cain,	H. F. Aiken,	S. B. Hedge,	N. E. Tingley.
L. Cheeney,	Sarah Beede,	L. D. Heston,	Reuben Wilcox,
Ida L. Gage,	Mary E. Fry,	Maria Miller,	Albert Taylor,
S. Womer,	E. A. Bryan,	Jennie Yoakem,	T. K. Mickey.
E. F. Aiken,	B. Amsbaugh,	Foreman Lincicome,	Violet Osborne,
R. Baker,	I. H. Potts,	J. M. Hall,	J. Moody,
S. Russell,	Effie Sayre,	M. V. Ealy,	Lillie Sanderson.
George Lozier,	J. Shumaker.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, J. E. Williams, J. W. Headley, F. C. Calkins, S. Womer, R. Baker, L. Cheeney.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. F. Aiken, E. F. Aiken, O. L. Stricker, C. W. Gant.
4. Who remain on trial? R. B. Niles, O. M. Shaw, J. M. Swain, E. S. Jennings, Noah VanKannel, A. C. Hartley.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. B. Thompson, J. A. Hopkins, C. W. Smith.
6. Who are the deacons? B. B. Casto, F. DeLong, O. L. Spencer, J. B. Thompson, J. A. Hopkins, C. W. Smith.
- 7, 8. None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. Lawrence.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? G. A. Olmstead.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? W. B. Olmstead, from the Michigan conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? S. W. Stone, T. B. Adams, H. W. Mitchell, A. V. Leonardson, G. R. Morris.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? \$100.
- 22, 23. See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Cleveland, Ohio, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1905, as can be arranged for by the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Ohio conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Zanesville, Ohio, August 24-28, 1904. General Superintendent B. R. Jones presided with his usual ability and his preaching was in the power of the Spirit. Five sittings of the conference were held, all of which were very harmonious.

The conference collections were ordered to be taken as follows: First quarter, General Missions (15 cents per member); second quarter, General Superintendents' (18 cents per member); third quarter, Church Extension (10 cents per member) and Home Missions (10 cents per member); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' (38 cents per member).

All conference collections should be taken in the order, and according to the amounts designated above, and sent to the conference treasurer, F. L. Hall, 1038 Erie street, Youngstown, Ohio.

An appropriation of \$75 was asked of the general missionary board, for the pastor at Akron, and \$50 for the pastor at Lima.

Five hundred dollars was raised in cash and subscriptions for the Spring Arbor Seminary on Sunday morning.

J. A. Hopkins, J. B. Thompson, Jr., and O. W. Smith were ordained deacons at the close of the preaching services Sabbath morning.

Rev. B. Winget, our beloved missionary secretary, and his devoted wife were at the conference on Tuesday night, when Brother Winget preached an excellent sermon.

W. B. Olmstead was present in the interest of the publishing house, and preached once or twice with liberty and power.

Missionary meeting Sabbath afternoon conducted by the W. F. M. S. and a missionary sermon by W. B. Olmstead, resulted in a collection and subscription of about \$140.

A vote of thanks was extended to the president for the efficient and impartial manner in which he presided over the conference; and to the people of Zanesville, who entertained the conference, for their hospitality and kindness to us during the conference session.

Another conference year is before us, and we pray, if the Lord permits us to live through it, that it may be the very best in the history of the conference, and that many souls may be won for Christ. Let us pray one for another and for souls. Amen!

APPOINTMENTS

CLEVELAND DISTRICT—F. C. CALKINS, District Elder, Kent, Ohio.

Cleveland and Beulah	{	L. G. Lewis, 512 Bridge street, Cleveland, Ohio	
Mission	{	Alice E. Lewis, supply	
Rocky River		O. L. Spencer, Rocky River,	"
Ridgeville and Bennett's Corners		F. DeLong, Bennett's Corners,	"
Akron and Canal Dover		J. E. Williams, 1044 Yale street, Akron,	"
Kent		C. W. Gant, Kent,	"
Jefferson, Grigg's Corners	{	J. B. Thompson, Lena Thompson, supply	
and Steamburg	{	D. B. Landon, supply, Jefferson,	"
Cortland		Noah Van Kannel, Cortland,	"
Youngstown		F. L. Hall, 1038 Erie street, Youngstown,	"
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove		A. C. Hartley, Big Prairie,	"
Howard and Davis		C. F. Scott, R. F. D., No. 2, Perrysville,	"
J. Lawrence, supernumerary, 108 Woodland avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.			

TOLEDO DISTRICT—J. W. HEADLEY, District Elder, 1608 Peoria St., Toledo, Ohio.

Toledo		J. O. Sherburne, 1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio	
Holland and Monclova		J. H. Hayden, Holland,	"
Delta and Amboy		A. P. Harrell, Delta,	"
Edgerton, Bethel and Brunersburg		E. S. Jennings, Edgerton,	"
North Baltimore and Bowling	{	H. F. Hall, North Baltimore,	"
Green	{	Mary E. Hall, supply	
Deshler		Howard F. Aiken, Deshler,	"
Hume and Cridersville		Earl F. Aiken, Hume,	"
Galion and West Point		R. B. Niles, 215 Second avenue, Galion,	"
Mansfield and Chicago		Ida L. Gage, supply, Chicago,	"
Clyde		E. A. Bryan, supply, Galion,	"
Lima		O. L. Stricker, Lima,	"

W. B. Olmstead, Sunday-school secretary, 14 N. May St., Chicago, Illinois; W. F. Matthewson, missionary to Japan; G. A. Olmstead, superannuated, Spring Arbor, Michigan; B. B. Casto, left without appointment.

SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT—D. W. WESLEY, District Elder, 520 Belknap street, Zanesville, Ohio.

Summerfield, Tabor, East Union	{	E. D. Crane, Summerfield, Ohio	
and Middleburg	{	Emily J. Crane, supply	
Sarahsville, Perryopolis and Olive		C. W. Warner, supply, Sarahsville,	"
Hill Grove, Germantown and Hall's Chapel		W. J. Hampp, supply, Carter,	"
Zanesville and Cedar Run		E. N. Foulk, 18 Clover street, Zanesville,	"
Byesville, Senacaville, Pleasant	{	A. Stevens, Byesville,	"
City and Gibson	{	Anna Stevens, supply	
D. W. Wesley, member of the Summerfield district quarterly conference.			

ATHENS DISTRICT—D. W. WESLEY, District Elder.

Athens, Mt. Carmel and Stroud's Run		J. A. Hopkins, 16 Morris avenue, Athens, Ohio	
Pomeroy, Plants and Hartford City		G. E. Conant, Antiquity,	"
Laurel Cliff, Hysell Run and Pleasant Valley		J. M. Swain, R. F. D. No. 1, Pomeroy,	"
Columbus and New Albany		C. W. Smith, New Albany,	"
Dayton		O. M. Shaw, Dayton,	"

Dugan Hill and Tremont City.....J. A. Bolton, Helen S. Bolton, supply, Urbana, Ohio
Buena Vista.....H. W. Sanderson, 139 Baltimore street, Dayton, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

Thomas Hales.....North Eaton, Ohio	J. A. Wilson.....28 Jay street, Cleveland, Ohio
W. C. Jones.....Cleveland, "	George B. Strong.....Strongsville, "
J. E. Cary.....Urbana, "	H. E. Asplin.....Rocky River, "
John W. Waldrath.....Conneautville, Penn- sylvania.	George Lawrence.....1011 Kinsman street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Fred Heath.....Newton Falls, Ohio	Joseph Atkinson.....R. F. D., Pomeroy, Ohio
J. M. Longbreak.....Deshler, "	Martin Matheney.....R. F. D., Caldwell, "
J. E. Lake.....Big Prairie, "	I. H. Potts.....Byesville, "
R. Baker.....Sarahsville, "	Henry Hamm.....Senecaville, "

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Anna Stevens.....Byesville, Ohio	Mrs. Lena Thompson.....Jefferson, Ohio
Mrs. Maria C. Aylard.....Bennett's Corners, Ohio.	Mrs. Eva L. Winter.....271 Grant street, New- castle, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Mary Johnson.....Youngstown, Ohio	Miss Effie Sayre.....Plants, Ohio
Miss Sadie Russell.....Galion, "	S. P. Hysell.....Columbus, "
Miss Jessie Lawrence, 1011 Kinsman street, Cleveland, Ohio.	Levi Hostetler.....Newcomerstown, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Mary E. Hall, North Baltimore, Ohio	Mrs. S. J. Ray.....South Newbury, Ohio
Mrs. Abbie Headley.....1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio.	Mrs. Alice E. Lewis.....512 Bridge street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Mrs. Helen S. Bolton.....Urbana, Ohio	Mrs. Ida L. Gage.....Chicago, Ohio
Emily J. Crane.....Summerfield, "	Emma Hastings.....Clyde, "
Lillian A. Sanderson, 139 Baltimore street, Dayton, Ohio.	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Receipts for the year (regular claims) \$752.43; surplus from last year, \$20.40. Total, \$772.83. The assessments and disbursements are as follows:

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.—Assessment, \$159.66; paid to B. R. Jones, \$128.54; paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$31.12. Total, \$159.66.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$133.05.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.—Assessed and paid, \$292.71.

Paid to G. A. Olmstead, \$100; A. V. Leonardson, \$125; S. K. J. Chesbro, \$67.71. Total, \$292.71.

CLAIMANTS' PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$44.35.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed and paid, \$88.70.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Balance after deficiency in regular claims were paid, \$33.96; appropriated by the stationing committee, \$18; paid to J. C. Sherburne, car-fare to Spring Arbor, Michigan, \$8.50; balance, \$7.46.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$16.81.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—\$6.00.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—\$4.16.

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—\$28.70.

Grand total, Receipts, \$828.50; disbursed, \$800.64. Balance on hand, \$27.86.
F. L. HALL, Treasurer.

II.—ON SPRING ARBOR SEMINARY.

Spring Arbor Seminary being located in the village of Spring Arbor, Michigan, surrounded by a farming district, is in a healthful locality, well suited to an educational institution, being free from the evils and attractions of a crowded city, which are against habits of studiousness and morality.

The educational features are good; the teachers, with Professor Warner at the head, are thorough in their methods, not only requiring the student to solve the question at hand, but leading the mind to reason out each step taken, which not only fixes the fact upon the memory, but also develops that faculty of reasoning which is essential to a trained mind.

The moral influence of the school is excellent, and the discipline firm but kind. No sign of cigar, pipe or tobacco was seen or smelled while we were in the village, nor any loud, boisterous talk or conduct about the school grounds.

The spiritual interests of the students instead of being neglected as is the case in worldly schools, is made a special subject of attention with a view to the personal salvation of each young person sent there for instruction.

While not all the students there were enjoying salvation, and of course not all strictly conformed to our book of discipline in dress, yet there were not those exhibitions of pride and worldliness so commonly seen, which have a tendency to provoke unnecessary outlay in order to keep up with others, a point of no small or trifling consideration, when an education is desired and means limited.

The boarding hall under the able management of Sister Gaffin is homelike and healthful. Everything is neat and orderly and the board provided is of a substantial and appetizing character.

As the buildings are inadequate to accommodate the attendance and to do the work designed by the faculty, a new building is being erected.

We urge upon our people the necessity and consistency of standing by this school, as it is a place where not only intellectual knowledge is imparted, but Bible religion is taught and enforced, and that they give the school their support by furnishing students and means.

III.—ON REFORMS.

While we as a church believe and teach the religion of the Bible that so changes the character of those who receive it, and thereby causes a reformation in both the inward and outward life, yet we believe that we should take our stand for the reformation of evils along every line, although not distinctly of a religious nature.

INTEMPERANCE.—The evils of intemperance are so many and so great that it stands first in our judgment as a just cause for political reformation. A system of government that legalizes 256,000 breweries, distilleries and saloons in these United States, to filch from the pockets of the bread-winners of our land, \$1,400,000,000 the last year, for that liquid damnation that brought only misery, poverty, licentiousness, degradation and caused 100,000 souls to go to a drunkard's hell, and their bodies to fill drunkards' graves, leaving widows and orphans homeless and destitute, enticing our boys and girls into its ruinous influence, filling our asylums with the insane and imbeciles, our jails and penitentiaries with criminals, constantly increasing our taxes, ruining more souls in one day than the church saves in a year is certainly a just reason why the church should arise in her strength and demand political reformation, for we are well aware that the iniquitous business of the liquor traffic is in the realm of politics, and must be dealt with in its own realm. Therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we will use our voice and votes to support the only political party that is committed first, last and always to the destruction of the legalized saloon, the Prohibition party.

Resolved, 2. That as ministers who are commanded to declare the whole counsel of God, we will preach the gospel of political righteousness, on the streets, in our pulpits and wherever God lays it upon us so to do.

Resolved, 3. That as individuals we will endeavor to inform ourselves upon this the greatest and only issue of serious importance before the American people, that we may be better able to awaken the public conscience and arouse them to action against this great evil.

THE SOCIAL EVIL.—The social evil is another just cause for reform. The looseness of the divorce laws is causing a moral rot in society until the sacredness of the marriage contract is trailed in the dust of moral pollution, and virtue, that priceless gem of morality, is sold for naught, to gratify the base passion that is set on fire of hell. We deplore the ruin that has been wrought in the church by this terrible curse, and would warn our ministers to observe closely the rules of conduct for preachers. We would urge that every precaution be used to keep our boys and girls from those associations that would be likely to lead them to sacrifice virtue, and forever disgrace themselves. We would discourage the association of the saved young people with the unsaved, as it often leads to unhappy unions, divorce and often ruin.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—We deplore the fact that in some localities some of our connection have seemed to be compelled to join labor unions in order to keep employment and live, and while we do not impugn the motives of all yet we must regard such a course as a compromise with the world, a violation of our church government, and we insist on our people keeping free from these worldly institutions.

ON DRESS.—It is lamentable that conformity to the world in dress is frequently manifest among our people, and especially so in the appearance of the children of some of our pilgrims, until they appear like the children of the world. God said of Abraham, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment." We would urge our preachers to cry out boldly in the Spirit against this evil which is an avenue that is leading our children away from our own to worldly-conformed churches and away from God. While plainness is not

always a proof of godliness, those who are godly will be plain. The Bible exhorts the women to adorn themselves with modest apparel. Our women should be patterns of neatness, and keep in the middle of the way. Beware of drifting toward the world, and beware of becoming careless and slovenly. Either departure will bring a reproach upon the cause of God.

ON SABBATH DESECRATION.—One of the great fundamental principles of our holy religion is reverence to God in the observance of the Sabbath day; for God has said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." It is a deplorable fact that the holy Sabbath is not only desecrated by the lawless and ungodly, but also by a large per cent of the so-called church, and that includes some who are identified with us as a church. It is manifest in the buying and selling of milk or meat on the Lord's day, patronizing Sunday newspapers, by receiving and reading them on the Lord's day; entertaining friends and visitors to the neglect of the service of God or public worship, cooking and preparing fine dinners, leaving work undone on Saturday to do it on Sunday, such as bathing, shaving, blacking boots or shoes, writing letters, taking pleasure rides and making Sunday visits. Sunday excursions and picnics have well-nigh destroyed the sense of the sanctity of the Lord's day until consciences have become seared, and many so-called Christians will take advantage of Sunday excursions for the sake of cheap rates. Sunday street car riding we would in general regard as Sabbath desecration, but would not impugn the motives, or sit in judgment upon those who of necessity must ride on them on Sunday or else be deprived of gospel privileges at the public services. As pastors let us preach and exemplify more on Sabbath observance. As laity, let us take heed that we be not of those who disobey this holy commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

IV.—ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Education of the right kind is good, especially if put to the right use. Some one has written of the popular mode of education as being head cramming and heart robbing, and we believe it is so. We would not oppose education, because a Moody or a Spurgeon, and some of the early Methodist preachers, were unlearned men, yet so very successful in winning souls for God; for we believe if they, with the same simplicity, had been educated men they might have accomplished much more. We know a brother in the work of the Lord that when he was saved could not read his name; soon, however, he felt the call of God to gospel work. He was conscious of his utter ignorance of book knowledge, and was alarmed, and cried to God, saying, "O Lord, I can't read." Still the call was upon him, so he said, "I'll go, but you must teach me to read," and on taking the Bible in his hand he found that he could read. He was so rejoiced that he shouted for joy. I have marked his simplicity and wonderful faith in God, both for soul and body, and that he is a man of one book. Mr. Wesley said, "O for men of one book and that the Bible." And a man with better views of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible as set forth in our excellent book of Discipline is hard to find. This shows what God will do if we give him a chance, and yet this man might be much more useful had he a good education—should he retain his simplicity.

Mr. Wesley asks, "What is wisdom?" and then answers, "Wisdom is choosing the highest object of pursuit, using the best means to bring the result, and following to the end." So we believe if we will heed the injunction, "Study to show thyself approved unto God," etc., and this by the use of good books and papers as well as the Bible, we will be better qualified for the work of the Lord. We believe our local preachers and evangelists should be required to bring up the course of study, as prescribed in our book of Discipline. We believe as preachers we should inform ourselves regarding the common occurrences of the day, so as to know how to meet the arguments of designing men, and deal out truth as it should be.

The prohibition question, Roman Catholicism, evolution, higher criticism, the deadly effect of the filthy tobacco habit; and understanding hygiene, lest we should worship and serve the creature more than the creator, who is God blessed forevermore. Amen. For it is a fact we can indulge our lawful appetites until our minds are so deadened we can not glorify God. Do not these things, and many others we will not take time to mention, come in the scope of Christian education? But we suppose, however, that the sense of the discipline is along altogether different lines, so we will call the attention of this honorable body to our own institutions of learning scattered throughout the connection, as follows: The A. M. Chesbrough, the Spring Arbor, the Evansville, the Wessington Springs, the Orleans, Seattle, and Los Angeles seminaries; and the Greenville College. As we read in the *Free Methodist* (the best, we think, in the land), the catalogues of our schools and see the cheap rates as compared with some others, we wonder how they can do it; and then when we see the large proportion of the students are saved and sanctified it seems as though our schools are doing as much as all the churches for the salvation of souls. And when we consider the small salaries of the instructors in our schools, as compared with others, we feel like saying, God bless them in their self-denial and incline the hearts of our people to help more. It is a fact that much of the influence of the schools of our country is pernicious and infidel.

Roman Catholicism and infidelity are doing all they can to put the Bible out of the common schools. Higher critics and agnostics are disseminating poisonous doctrines and undermining the religion of the Bible by inculcating in the minds of their young people infidel ideas concerning the truth and veracity of the Holy Scriptures, notwithstanding journalists and general conferences to the contrary. It is a trite old saying that pupils and students partake of the religious taint of the teacher: hence we would urge our people to send their children, and do all they can to influence others to send theirs to our schools.

We would admonish our young men that are seeking a place among us as preachers of the gospel, as much as possible to attend some one of our schools, enough at least to take the common branches and Bible course, and if they can without disobeying God and grieving the Spirit, to take the whole course. We love our schools and believe the best and safest place under the shining sun outside of a Christian home, to send our children, is our schools.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimant Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CLEVELAND DISTRICT											
Cleveland.....			\$ 27 25	\$ 2 40	\$ 678 45	\$ 55 24	\$ 10 00	1	\$ 5200	1	\$ 1800
Beulah Mission.....			24 41		307 00	43 00	6 85	1	1500	1	1000
Rocky River.....			17 40		270 00	37 55	3 00	2	1500	1	100
Ridgeville and Bennett's Corners.....			35 15	2 35	709 11	76 64	70 52	2	4500	2	2500
Akron and Kent.....	\$ 2 00										
Grigg's Corners, Jefferson, Steam- burg.....			29 77	2 25	438 08	75 70	56 25	2	1400		
Cortland.....	\$12 00		11 55	1 25	312 42	39 19	5 00	1	1400	1	800
Youngstown.....		1 35	41 44	1 25	550 28	47 03	5 00	1	1500	1	1500
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove.....			20 42	1 05	184 75	30 88	2 25	2	2000		
Howard and Davis.....			19 70	1 55	254 65	45 70	9 25	2	2300		
TOLEDO DISTRICT											
Toledo.....			56 16	1 60	458 95	65 00	30 32	1	2500	1	1500
Holland and Mendota.....		7 65	55 14	1 70	352 00	65 11		2	2000	1	1000
Delta and Amboy.....			5 00	1 45	200 20	37 28	15 00	2	2500	1	1000
Edgerton, Bethel and Brunersburg.....			25 46	1 75	176 00	43 87		2	1200		
North Baltimore and Bowling Green.....			41 71	1 25	286 86	40 66		2	4000	1	500
Hume and Cridersville.....			17 50		210 00	49 46	19 50	2	1500	1	500
Gallon and West Point.....			17 43	1 25	355 49	49 60		2	1000	1	600
Mansfield.....					21 16	22 36	3 45	1	800	1	900
Chicago.....			12 00	30	120 12	17 50	10 00	1	1200	1	1200
Clyde.....			10 00		129 70	13 53	7 00				
Deshler.....	1 00	4 00	22 88	1 10	145 00	21 79	5 58	1	2100		
Dugan Hill and Tremont City.....	35		33 00	75	258 26	32 00	7 00	1	800		
SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT											
Summerfield, East Union, Tabor.....			8 00	2 10	332 70	41 00	9 00	3	4000	1	800
Sarahsville, Perryopolis, Hill Grove and Olive.....			58 93		427 80	67 26	51 41	1	2500	1	700
Newport and Hall's Chapel.....			14 80	1 15	230 50	45 97		1	800		
Zanesville and Cedar Run.....			34 74	2 10	484 13	49 05	33 91	1	1300	1	1000
Eysville, Pleasant City, Seneca ville.....			18 05	1 65	252 32	43 46	6 20	2	1000		
Canal Dover.....			10 00		90 00	10 00	40 00				
ATHENS DISTRICT											
Athens, Mt. Carmel, Strouds Run... Pomeroy, Plants, and Hartford.....	1 46		9 48	2 00	503 25	40 00	37 00	3	2500		
Laurel Cliff, Hysell Run, Pleasant Valley.....			8 20		106 69	28 30	3 90	1	800		
Columbus and New Albany.....			21 00	2 37	297 50	50 55		3	1800	1	500
			15 00	1 10	211 85	45 53		1	800		
CINCINNATI DISTRICT											
Dayton.....			5 00		131 94	7 00	9 30				
Total.....	\$14 81	\$15 00	\$ 726 58	\$35 72	\$9437 16	\$1337 52	\$ 456 69	49	\$ 56400	19	\$18200

Raised for tracts: Ridgeville and Bennett's Corners, 50 cents; Grigg's Corners and Steamburg, \$1.00 Toledo, \$2.00; Hume and Cridersville, \$3.00; Dugan Hill, \$2.50; Athens, \$1.00.

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CLEVELAND, TOLEDO, SUMMERFIELD, ATHENS AND CINCINNATI DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-	General Superin-	Conference Mis-	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci-eties		
CLEVELAND DISTRICT																												
Cleveland	F. C. Calkins, District Elder	L. G. Lewis, Alice Lewis.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	7	61	4	3	1	8	40	16	\$ 15.84	\$ 8.64	\$ 4.80	\$ 7.20	\$ 4.80			\$ 78.46	
Beulah Mission.	Alce E. Lewis, supply.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	1	17	1	1	5	30	8	7	98	3	78	2	10		\$ 4.97	5.00	
Rocky River.	F. DeLong.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	2	23	2	1	2	12	46	7							13.00		
Ridgville and Bennett's Corners.	C. W. Warner, supply.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	9	62	2	2	16	66	12	15	51	8	46	4	70		40.00		
Akron and Kent.	D. W. Wesley.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	5	43	2	2	16	70	10	14	83	8	10	4	50		17.50	19.40	
Grigg's Corners, Jefferson, Steamburg	J. B. Thompson, L. Thompson, B. D. Landon, supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	3	27	1	1	5	30	7	8	25	4	50	2	50		16.00	28.50	
Yongtown.	Noah Vankennal.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	5	33	1	1	10	60	5	8	25	4	50	2	50		5.00	72.38	
Bag Prairie and Pleasant Grove.	F. Z. Hall.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	2	23	2	1	10	60	5	6	33	3	78	2	10		5.00	10.11	
Howard and Davis.	R. B. Niles.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	3	37	1	1	9	25	6	6	33	3	78	2	10		5.00	10.11	
	C. E. Scott.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	3	37	1	1	9	25	6	6	33	3	78	2	10		5.00	10.11	
	J. W. Headley, Dist. Elder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	7	37	1	1	12	75	6	10	86	5	76	3	20		4.80	3.20	
Toledo.	J. H. Hayden.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	5	43	1	1	16	80	10	11	22	6	12	2	90		5.10	3.40	
Holland and Monclova.	A. P. Harrell.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	3	32	1	1	3	12	8	4	35	5	22	2	90		2.90	8.70	
Delta and Amboy.	C. S. Jennings.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	3	33	1	1	12	60	9	11	55	6	30	5	25		3.15		
Edgerton, Bethel and Brunersburg	H. F. Hall, Mary E. Hall, sup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	25	60	1	2	16	60	8	8	25	4	50	2	50		3.75	2.55	
North Baltimore and Bowling Green.	O. L. Stricker, supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	1	35	1	1	2	10	38	7	8	25	4	50	2	50		3.08	
Hume and Cridersville.	E. N. Tonk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	9	35	1	1	8	28	9	8	25	4	50	2	50		3.75	2.50	
Gallon and West Point.	E. A. Bryan, supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	6	18	1	1	4	15	38	1	2	66	70	1	90		1.05	73	
Mansfield.	Ida L. Gage, supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	7	1	1	4	15	38	1	98	1	08	00			1.90	60	
Chicago.	Ida L. Gage, supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	3	23	1	1	7	40	5	7	26	3	96	2	30		3.30	2.20	
Deshler.	E. F. Aiken, supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	12	29	3	1	3	14	87	3	4	95	2	70		1.50		3.75	5.50
Dugan Hill and Tremont City.	J. A. Bolton, H. Bolton, sup.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	4	47	1	2	9	40	11	13	86	7	56	4	50		31.28		
SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT	J. E. Williams, Dist. Elder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	10	72	3	4	32	106	8	17	10	13	86	7	56		5.00		
Summerfield, East Union and Tabor.	E. D. Crane, E. Crane, sup.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	3	26	2	1	7	40	4	7	59	4	50	2	30		6.30	4.20	
Sarahsville, Perryopolis, etc.	C. S. Steele, supply.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	6	46	1	1	10	50	2	13	86	7	56	4	50		3.38	2.30	
Newport and Hall's Chapel.	W. J. Hampp, supply.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	2	34	2	1	11	45	5	10	89	5	94	3	30		6.30	4.96	
Zaneville and Cedar Run.	J. C. Sherburne	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	1	36	1	1	6	35	4								13.00		
Byesville, Pleasant City, Senecaville.	A. Stevens, Anna Stevens, sup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	6	1	1	6	25	4								4.96	3.30	
Canal Dover.	J. E. Williams.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	3	45	1	1	13	50	6								10.00		
ATHENS DISTRICT																												
Athens, Mt. Carmel and Strouds Run.	J. A. Hopkins.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	5	25	2	1	15	50	3	13	86	7	56	4	50		6.00	4.00	
Pomeroy, Plants and Hartford	G. F. Conant.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	5	50	1	1	8	15	33	3	75	2	16				1.80	1.20	
Laurel Giff, Hysell Run, etc.	J. M. Swab.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	4	26	1	1	7	25	6	12	81	7	02	3	30		5.85	3.80	
Columbus and New Albany.	O. L. Spencer.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	11	1	1	4	15	38	1	98	1	08	00			3.30	2.20	
Dayton.	J. E. Williams, Dist. Elder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	906	116	1022	36	16	48	316	1394	206	\$ 285.24	\$ 146.62	\$ 70.60	\$ 119.84	\$ 84.81			\$ 130.17	\$ 378.96
CINCINNATI DISTRICT																												
Total.	H. W. Sanderson.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	906	116	1022	36	16	48	316	1394	206	\$ 285.24	\$ 146.62	\$ 70.60	\$ 119.84	\$ 84.81			\$ 130.17	\$ 378.96

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT FLINT,
MICHIGAN, SEPTEMBER 14-17, 1904

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On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—W. H. Iles, N. M. Cooke, Hubert Ellis, D. D. Marston.
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On Education—M. E. Howard, J. P. Burdett, E. L. Brown, Hannah Howard.
On the State of the Work—The district elders.
On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts—O. L. King, W. J. Hallead.

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Perry Oaks, North Fifth street, West Flint, Michigan.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Home Missions; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; third quarter, General Superintendents' Fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension and Marine City Funds.

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On Education—W. J. Hallead.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. H. Sage,	M. DeVoist,	D. D. Marston,	W. S. Haight,
J. W. Currier,	E. Steer,	S. G. Bartlett,	I. Mudge,
M. Cuthbert,	F. J. Calkins,	W. W. Hoyt,	E. D. Hartley,
H. Voorhess,	W. H. Iles,	S. W. Stone,	D. O. Embery,
C. D. Hoadley,	S. Johnson,	M. L. Bovee,	H. Burse,
A. Tice,	P. S. Shoemaker,	B. F. Doolittle,	Hiram Montgomery,
B. H. Green,	J. D. Bullock,	J. A. Spencer,	E. Crippen,
W. G. Roe,	Bion Voorhess,	W. H. Haight,	J. N. Wilson,
A. J. Stevens,	S. Reed,	W. E. Hosmer,	J. P. Burdett,
N. M. Cooke,	W. J. Jackson,	A. E. Warren,	A. D. Warren,
M. E. Howard,	O. L. King,	R. R. Haight,	G. Phetteplace,
J. McMillan,	E. B. Call,	C. Caswell,	W. Rumley,
A. J. Cooper,	A. S. Stambaugh,	W. J. Hallead,	E. D. Blackman,
G. W. Bedell,			

DELEGATES

B. L. Green,	John Dewitt,	William Bunce,	J. Upper,
D. P. Morse,	David Haight,	S. D. Lockwood,	P. Tice,
S. J. Dickinson,	C. P. Shimmous,	E. H. Punchus,	C. Stanlake,
S. Wallace,	A. Orchard,	E. Wright,	L. McLease,
A. Stevenson,	G. I. Chalker,	H. Ellis,	John Scott,
C. P. Lake,	G. Pettingill,	R. D. Knapp,	W. W. Wilson,
W. N. Calkins,	Fred Wilson,	J. Dennis,	G. Hungerford,
C. H. Lee,	W. Smith,	Mary O. Neal,	E. M. Field,
T. E. Pringle,	C. B. Hodge,	Emma Brown,	S. Laugh,
D. Cutler,	C. Mehlberg,	Uriah Cross,	Mary Caldwell,
Mrs. H. Howard,	Francis Irwin,	Ella Johnson,	C. Pulcifer,
J. E. Griffin,	Moses Smith,		

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, F. J. Calkins, M. DeVoist, S. W. Stone, S. Porterfield, R. D. Knapp, D. P. Morse, L. McLease, C. B. Hodge.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. F. Wilkinson.

4. Who remain on trial? Fred Crandall, James Clink, M. G. Powell, C. C. VanWagoner, Oscar Freeman.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. B. Call, Charles Caswell, James McMillan.

6. Who are the deacons? W. E. Hosmer, W. J. Jackson, N. A. Davis, W. J. Hallead, J. M. Green, E. Crippen, A. J. Cooper, G. Phetteplace, R. R. Haight, C. B. Call, Charles Caswell, James McMillan.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. E. Warren, A. D. Warren, M. E. Howard.

8. Who have located this year? E. Barrett, with membership at Brant Center.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. G. Roe, G. B. Phetteplace.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? William Rumley, S. Johnson, C. H. Sage, W. S. Haight, D. C. Embery, J. P. Burdett, J. W. Currier, I. Mudge, J. D. Bullock.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? P. S. Shoemaker, an elder from the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? William Rennie, to the Michigan conference; F. A. Perkins, to the Genesee conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? William Rumley, \$50; S. Johnson, \$75; D. C. Embery, \$40; C. H. Sage, \$150; W. S. Haight, \$80; J. P. Burdett, \$30; J. W. Currier, \$25; I. Mudge, \$25; J. D. Bullock, \$25; Hattie Bennett and child, \$60. Total, \$560.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place to be fixed upon by the district elders; the time as near the 10th of September, 1905, as is consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

ST. JOHNS DISTRICT—F. J. CALKINS, District Elder.

St. Johns and South Ovid	O. L. King, Lizzie King, supply
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka	H. Voorhess
Ithaca, North Star and Sickles	M. L. Bovee
Oakley, Racey, Fergus and Brant	G. Hungerford, supply
Gaines and Linden	W. E. Hosmer
Owosso and Corunna	J. A. Spencer
New Haven, Lennon and Forrest	Bion Voorhess
Locke, Perry and Fuller	W. J. Hallead
Livingston	O. C. VanWagoner
South Lyon and Silver Lake	E. Steer

W. H. Iles, C. D. Hoadley, B. H. Green, E. D. Blackman, left without appointment; W. J. Jackson, left without appointment to attend Spring Arbor Seminary; E. Barrett, granted a certificate of location at his request, with membership fixed at Brant Center; S. Johnson, J. W. Currier, J. P. Burdett, superannuated.

PORT HURON DISTRICT—S. W. STONE, District Elder.

Port Huron	To be supplied
Marine City and Adair	A. Thomas, supply
Kimball	M. G. Powell
Memphis and Richmond	E. Crippen
Yale and Ball	S. Reed
Sanilac Center	A. J. Stevens
Snover and Argyle	A. D. Warren
Harbor Beach and Delaware	E. B. Call
Uby, Bad Axe and Meade	C. E. Caswell, Vinnie Caswell, supply
Wilmot and Evergreen	A. S. Stambaugh
Caro, Akron, Watrousville and East Vassar	D. D. Marston
Mayville and Marlette	James Olink
Saginaw	W. H. Haight

C. H. Sage, I. Mudge, W. S. Haight, J. D. Bullock, superannuated.

BAY CITY DISTRICT—S. H. PORTERFIELD, District Elder.

Bay City	J. H. McMillan
West Bay City	Curtis Lum, supply
Frazer, Kawkawlin and North Williams	William Mowery, supply
Arenac and Whitefeather	F. S. Parks, supply
Gladwin and New Sanilac	F. Crandle
Porter, Bethany, Wheeler and Little Sault	W. W. Hoyt
Alpena and Long Lake	P. S. Shoemaker, Minnie A. Shoemaker, supply
Wilson, Rayburn and Spratt	O. A. Freeman, Etta Freeman, supply
Rose City and Bell schoolhouse	R. R. Haight, Florence Haight, supply

West Branch, Campbell's Corners and Edwards	N. White, supply
Maple Ridge and Melita	A. Tice
Sterling and Moore's Junction	H. Ellis, supply
Alamando and Orow schoolhouse	N. A. Davis
Indian Mission	William Henry, supply
Oskoda and Mikado	To be supplied
South Branch	Amos Cripps, supply

A. J. Cooper, left without appointment; W. G. Roe, supernumerary; D. C. Embury, William Rumley, superannuated.

FLINT DISTRICT—M. DeVoist, District Elder.

Flint and Genesee	H. Montgomery
West Flint and Swartz Creek	To be supplied
Holly and Germany	E. D. Hartley
Farrandville and Flushing	R. Parker, supply
Montrose and Hazelton	J. F. Wilkinson, supply
Davison and Goodrich	J. N. Wilson
Mayfield and Burnside	G. W. Bedell
Amy, Brandon and Oxford	S. G. Bartlett
Washington, Ray and Bruce	N. M. Cooke
Otisville	H. Burse
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett	B. F. Doolittle

A. E. Warren, evangelist; M. E. Howard, M. Cuthbert, G. B. Phetteplace, supernumerary; J. M. Green, left without appointment.

PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

F. J. Calkins	Montrose, Michigan	O. L. King	St. Johns, Michigan
M. L. Bovee	Ithaca, "	G. Hungerford	Racy, "
W. E. Hosmer	R. F. D. No. 2, Durand, Michigan.	J. A. Spencer	707 Grand avenue, Owosso, Michigan.
W. J. Hallead	Williamston, Michigan	C. C. VanWagoner	Fowlerville, Michigan
E. Steer	South Lyons, "	C. D. Hoadley	Sickles, "
B. H. Green	Ovid, "	E. D. Blackman	Mason, "
W. J. Jackson	Spring Arbor, "	E. Barrett	Brant, "
S. Johnson	Saranac, "	J. W. Currier	Spring Arbor, "
Bion Voorhess	R. F. D. No. 7, Owosso, Michigan.	M. DeVoist	738 Lingle avenue, Owosso, Michigan.
J. P. Burdett	Michigan	A. Thomas	Marine City, Michigan
M. G. Powell	Kimball, "	E. Crippen	Memphis, "
S. Reed	Yale, "	A. D. Warren	Snover, "
E. B. Call	Harbor Beach, "	C. E. Caswell	Ubly, "
A. S. Stambaugh	Argyle, "	D. D. Marston	Caro, "
James Clink	Mayville, "	I. Mudge	Smith Creek, "
A. J. Stevens	R. F. D., No. 1, Sanilac Center, Michigan.	W. H. Haight, 626 North Porter street, Saginaw, W. S., Michigan.	
William Mowery	R. F. D., Linwood, Michigan.	C. H. Sage	1611 Thirteenth street, Port Huron, Michigan.
F. S. Parks	Whitefeather, Michigan	F. Crandall	Gladwin, Michigan
W. W. Hoyt	Porter, "	P. S. Shoemaker	Alpena, "
R. R. Haight	Rose City, "	N. White	West Branch, "
A. Tice	Maple Ridge, "	H. Ellis	Sterling, "
N. A. Davis	Alamando, "	W. Rumley	Gladwin, "
H. Montgomery	724 Oak street, Flint, Michigan.	E. D. Hartley	R. F. D. No. 2, Fenton, Michigan.
R. Parker	Olio, Michigan	J. F. Wilkinson	Elk, Michigan
J. N. Wilson	Davison Station, "	S. G. Bartlett	Amy, "
N. M. Cooke	Washington, "	H. Burse	Otisville, "
B. F. Doolittle	Hadley, "	S. W. Stone	Box 25, Yale, "
W. G. Roe	Black River, "	M. E. Howard	Spring Arbor, "
J. H. McMillan	706 Lafayette avenue, Bay City, Michigan.	S. H. Porterfield	301 Spruce street, West Bay City, Michigan.
H. Voorhess	Elsie, Michigan	J. M. Green	Metamora, Michigan
	O. A. Freeman	R. F. D. No. 2, Alpena, Michigan	

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-first session was held in the Free Methodist church in Flint City, Michigan, September 14-17, 1904. General Superintendent B. R. Jones presided. Five sittings were held.

F. J. Calkins, S. W. Stone, S. H. Porterfield and M. DeVoist were elected district elders on the first ballot.

Rev. A. V. Leonardson, Rev. G. Peters, Rev. W. Rennie, Rev. L. H. Mulholland and Rev. H. D. F. Gaffin, of the Michigan conference, Rev. E. Leonardson, of the Southern California conference and Rev. B. Winget, missionary secretary, were present and invited to honorary seats.

The W. F. M. S. raised \$649.21 during the year. The conference ordered that a sum equal to twenty cents per member be raised for Home Missions and five cents per member for Marine City church. The following appropriations were made from Home Mission funds: To the conference evangelist, \$100; district elder of Bay City district, \$50; the preacher at Moore's Junction, \$25; the preacher at Saginaw, \$25; the preacher at Marine City, \$25; the preacher at West Bay City, \$25. Total, \$250.

Marine City funds to be sent to Perry Oaks. All other funds to be sent to M. L. Bovee, Ithaca, Michigan.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are more than pleased to note the progress of the Sunday-school work on many circuits in the East Michigan conference, and believe that our ministers and laity are more than ever becoming interested in this branch of the church work. They see that it is a necessity. First—For no church can exist very long without a Sunday-school. Second—When the church or society neglects the children, whom the Savior loved, and said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God," God will take them to heaven or send them somewhere else and the church doors will soon be closed. We never knew a society to fail that had a good Sabbath-school, no, nor never will, for God will bless that people who take care of the children.

The Sabbath-school is held to teach the children the word of God, and so put the divine truth before them that the principles and doctrine of our church shall be so instilled into their hearts that they will never want to take up with any religion that does not indorse these principles. If it is true as a Catholic priest said, "Give me a child till it is seven years of age, you may then turn him out into the world, and he will always be a Catholic," why is this? Because the catechism and doctrine of that church have been so taught and inculcated into that child that it has become a part of its nature. The catechism published and sent out by our publishing house ought to be placed into the hands of every child.

How can pastors and members of our church help the Sabbath-school? First, by going to the Sunday-school themselves; second, by taking all the children with them. It is much better to say to the children, "Come on to the Sunday-school!" than it is to say, "Go."

The same Spirit that possessed Robert Raikes and Sophia Cook in Gloucester, England, in the year 1783 will perpetuate the Sabbath-school so long as the world stands. When they saw the children neglected and running around ragged and dirty, their hearts were touched with such a love for them, that they went and took them to a room where they taught them of the Savior and his dying love which changed them and the morals of the nation. May this spirit possess every pastor, superintendent, teacher and member of our beloved Zion.

We highly commend our Sabbath-school literature, and have not found any to equal it in its simplicity, doctrine and teaching.

The new hymn book for the Sabbath-school is excellent and meets a long felt need. Get it.

II.—ON REFORMS.

We are glad to notice the fact that we, as a church, take our stand squarely against the current evils of society. The trumpet of truth gives no uncertain sound regarding worldly conformity, secret societies, tobacco, etc. We are a reform church as a result of adhering to our principles of "Holiness unto the Lord." This is our great work and we of necessity come in conflict with every practise, influence and organization that is opposed in spirit or practise to vital godliness.

We as a conference are determined to do right and be right at the cost of all, to stand on God's side of all questions and be in the vanguard of all godly reform movements.

But we see some things even at our own doors that call for our close attention.

SABBATH DESECRATION.—As a nation we are rapidly losing our Sabbath. Our Sabbath has come to be a day of pleasure seeking. Sunday ball games, picnics, excursions with special attractions at the other end make the day one of hilarity instead of God's holy day. We are glad that we as a people do not thus desecrate the Sabbath; but we do see too much of a secular spirit manifest even among us at this point. Doing little things on the Sabbath that could be done on a week day, reading secular papers, and this abominable Sunday visiting as often practised. If we must visit on the Sabbath we cannot be clear unless we make it distinctly a religious and holy season.

COVETOUSNESS.—As a people we give largely according to our ability. But this covetous spirit has ever been a foe to the gospel. It was manifest in Achan under the law and received its deserved rebuke in his being stoned to death. Ananias and Sapphira had the same covetous spirit under the gospel and suffered in consequence a terrible judgment from God. As pride is the main besetting sin of women so covetousness is that of men. We believe we as a church are in great peril on this line. This is the only sin a man can commit and still be a respectable member of the church. People are getting in the whirlpool of commercialism that drives everything for dollars. Many allow business to press them so that they neglect the prayer meetings and means of grace and only attend the quarterly meetings on Sunday morning. These things ought not so to be. As Jesus said, the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word. They thus starve their own souls and throw a chill of discouragement over the faithful ones who are battling to see the work prosper. And while these people are gaining financially their liberality is not increasing in proportion. Our fountains of benevolence are drying up as the bank account increases and a mere pittance is grudgingly given to carry on this glorious gospel. John Wesley's maxim that he preached and practised was "Get all you can honestly, save all you can by frugality, and then give all you can, that is all you have." But these get all they can by working at breakneck speed from early morn till late into the night, they save all they can by greedily watching every penny and then give, not all they can but as little as they can. God looks upon every man who does not give him at least one-tenth of his income as a robber be he saint or sinner. See Malachi 3. How shall we remedy this most deceitful and deadly evil that in the Bible is called idolatry and is classed with such sins as adultery and murder? We would suggest, first that each preacher set a good example for his people so that he can conscientiously say to them, "Follow me in this matter as I follow Christ." Then let him faithfully but in tenderness constantly urge upon every one that they bring all the tithes into God's storehouse and crucify this covetous, stingy spirit by practising great liberality. We need to remember Christ's words, "How hardly shall a rich man enter into the kingdom of heaven" and Paul's "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts that drown men in destruction and perdition." Again, "Take heed and beware of covetousness."

PAYING DEBTS.—As a people we are honest and pay our obligations. A Christian man's word should be as good as his note. We do not see how anybody can be saved from sin and fail to attend to an obligation when it falls due. But some are slack along this line and especially so about obligation to the church and others that they have voluntarily assumed. Subscriptions to assist worthy causes are neglected and never paid. A pledge of this sort should be held most sacred (because made to God's cause) and as binding as a note at the bank. When in taking subscriptions one needs to count on about one quarter of it being never paid we think a reform is greatly needed. Never jump higher than you live nor shout louder than you pay. Again some charges fail to pay the pastor the amount they have promised him. This is just as truly a debt as any other obligation; and if the society cannot pay the amount themselves they should go among their friends for it and keep going till the full amount is raised.

TEMPERANCE.—The gilded saloon is the greatest curse of society in our fair land. As Gladstone says, "The liquor traffic has caused more misery to mankind than the three great curses of war, famine and pestilence combined." Wesley calls it "the sum of all villainies." When 100,000 boys are annually started by the saloon on the road to a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell it is time for every professed follower of Christ to ask himself, "Have I cleared my skirts of all responsibility for this traffic?" A traffic that is responsible for idleness, poverty, pauperism, desolate homes, deserted wives, blasted hopes, broken-hearted mothers, helpless orphan children, vice, crime, blood, anarchy and blackness beyond all description. Such a body-destroying and soul-damning system cannot be licensed without sinning against God and light. And we do not feel that we can conscientiously support any party or man that in any way caters to or favors this diabolical system. Thank God, there is one party that is opposed to the saloon from start to finish. Be it therefore

Resolved, That we will stand by the Prohibition party in this fall's campaign both by our influence and our votes; and as ministers we will fearlessly advocate prohibition from our pulpits.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Per- manent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
ST. JOHNS DISTRICT											
St. Johns.....		\$ 57	\$ 32 25	\$ 1 25	\$ 431 50	\$ 26 00	\$ 5 00	1	\$ 3000	1	\$ 1000
South Ovid.....	\$ 1 00				193 00	20 00	40 00	1	1300		
Elsie, Ovid and Enreka.....		1 86	54 00	3 40	391 41	54 00		3	2700	1	1200
Ithaca, Sickles and North Star.....		2 05	19 51	1 10	261 38	32 00		3	1600	1	400
Oakley, Racy, Fergus, Brant.....			25 32	2 30	330 00	36 00	1 00	4	1000	1	500
Gaines and Linden.....	1 00		18 83	2 85	450 00	56 00	28 13	3	2500	1	600
Corunna and Owosso.....	5 00		18 83	2 25	313 18	32 00		2	1300	1	700
New Haven and Hazelton.....	6 50		42 00	1 55	290 00	32 00		2	200	1	600
Lock, Perry and Fuller.....	87		25 00	3 25	385 00	56 00		1	1000	1	400
Livingston.....			50 00		417 00	50 00		1	1200	1	800
South Lyon and Silver Lake.....			13 48	85	341 91	26 00		2	1500	1	400
PORT HURON DISTRICT											
Marine City and Adair.....			18 00		213 00	26 32		1	400	1	300
Kimball.....			17 00	1 30	221 10	24 00		1	600	1	500
Memphis and Richmond.....			16 00	2 20	283 00	42 00		3	2400	1	800
Yale and Ball.....			34 00	2 20	350 00	51 00	20 00	2	1800	1	800
Sanilac Center.....			40 58	2 30	325 00	49 00		1	800	1	800
Snover and Argyle.....	4 50		40 76	2 45	325 00	45 00	15 00	2	1600	1	500
Harbor Beach and Delaware.....		2 88	10 00	3 60	360 00	38 50		2	1800	1	800
Uby and Meade.....	2 50	1 64	30 10	2 00	491 13	44 00		2	1800	1	800
Wilnot and Evergreen.....	11 50		35 00		272 39	39 15		1	800		
Caro and Akron.....				75	22 80	22 80		2	1100	1	300
Mayville.....		1 00	7 00	1 25	374 00	40 04		1	800	1	500
Saginaw Mission.....			20 60	1 05	381 35	24 23	2 00				
East Vassar.....				28		9 46					
FLINT DISTRICT											
Flint and Genesee.....	2 00		32 00	2 35	545 00	48 00	52 54	2	2500	1	2000
West Flint, Forest and Lennon.....		2 40	18 00	1 55	190 00	34 00		3	3000	1	600
Holly and Germany.....	1 70		23 45	1 30	395 00	33 00	2 00	2	2000	1	600
Farrandville and Flushing.....			15 00		230 00	32 00	6 00	2	1000	1	200
Elk and Albee.....	1 30	87	19 19		241 13	34 00		1	800	1	500
Davison and Goodrich.....	8 00		16 25	2 35	293 23	45 00	40 00	2	1800	1	800
Mayfield and Burnside.....			12 00		100 60	24 00		1	900		
Amy, Brandon and Oxford.....				1 95	325 00	40 00		2	1875	1	500
Washington, Ray and Bruce.....	60		31 75	1 45	375 00	44 00		2	2000		
Otisville.....			20 75	2 65	261 00	50 00		1	800	1	450
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett.....			14 00	2 00	300 00			1	2000	1	500
BAY CITY DISTRICT											
Bay City.....			30 33		410 00	32 00		1	1000	1	500
West Bay City.....			20 58		205 47	20 00	2 00	1	1000	1	500
Fraser, Kawkawlin, North Williams.....			23 06		400 77	28 00		2	1300	1	400
Arenac and White Feather.....			17 95		228 97	28 00		2	750		
Gladwin and New Sanilac.....			15 00		255 25	24 00	20 00	1	600	1	300
Porter, Bethany, Wheeler and Little Sault.....	2 35	5 00	45 66		325 76	40 00		3	2000	1	500
Alpena and Long Lake.....					352 00	32 00		1	900	1	700
Wilson and Rayburn.....		10 10	20 79		323 86	32 00		2	875	1	300
Rose City and Bell schoolhouse.....			35 00	1 70	575 68	32 00	40 00	1	1000	1	700
West Branch, Campbell's Corners and Edwards.....	58		28 00		406 13	28 00		2	1200	1	400
Maple Ridge and Melita.....	50	1 01	41 46	2 40	313 50	32 00	35 00	2	1600	1	400
Sterling, Moores' Junction, Alger.....					90 00	20 00				1	250
Alamando and Hope.....					213 10	22 00		1	500	1	500
Indian Mission.....					25 00						
Arcadia and North Lake.....											
Total.....	\$49 80	\$29 38	\$1048 51	\$57 88	14734 80	\$1629 50	\$1308 67 79	\$ 6	\$4300 41		\$23100

Raised for tracts: St. Johns, \$1.00.

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ST. JOHNS AND PORT HURON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Womans' Foreign Missionary Societies
ST. JOHNS DISTRICT																		
St. Johns.....	F. J. Calkins, District Elder	24	2	26	1	1	1	9	50	7	\$ 8.25	\$ 4.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.75	\$ 2.50	.....	\$ 1.71	.....
South Ovid.....	O. L. King.....	7		7					2	2	22.44	12.34	10.80	10.30	6.80	.....	1.00	\$ 5.00
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka.....	E. Hutchinson, supply.....	65	4	69	1	3	24	90	14	14	7.26	8.98	8.30	8.20	8.20	.....	8.20	.....
Ithaca, Sickles and North Star.....	J. M. Green.....	21	6	26	1	1	1	9	61	5	15.18	8.98	8.30	3.20	4.42	.....	25.00	5.10
Oakley, Racy, Fergus and Brant.....	James Clark.....	51	4	55	2	1	2	16	60	7	13.81	10.25	14.25	6.90	4.42	.....	5.00	28.67
Gaines and Lindson.....	F. Wilkinson, supply.....	55	6	60	4	1	2	15	75	13	18.81	8.10	14.75	6.75	4.40	.....	40.00	8.20
Corunna and Owosso.....	J. N. Wilson.....	50	6	55	1	2	1	8	40	5	14.85	8.10	6.75	4.65	3.10	.....	4.80	41.94
New Haven and Hazelton.....	E. Spencer.....	31	1	32	1	1	2	13	50	4	10.23	5.68	4.65	6.50	3.10	.....	4.80	9.75
Lock, Perry and Fuller.....	F. Steier.....	61	2	63	1	1	1	1	73	15	21.20	11.70	9.75	6.50	4.60	.....	4.80	19.75
Livingston.....	W. J. Halliday.....	58	3	61	1	1	1	10	63	10	14.85	8.10	6.75	6.75	4.60	.....	4.80	37.00
South Lyon and Silver Lake.....	C. C. Van Wagener.....	17		17				8	48	7	5.61	3.06	2.55	2.55	1.70	.....	.....	.....
W. E. Hosmer.....	W. E. Hosmer.....	17		17				8	48	7	5.61	3.06	2.55	2.55	1.70	.....	.....	.....
PORT HURON DISTRICT																		
Marine City and Adair.....	S. W. Stone, District Elder	15	13	28	2	16	60	3	5	5	5.61	3.06	2.55	2.55	2.60	.....	.....	19.35
Kimball.....	James Burdett.....	24	1	25	1	6	45	1	8	8	8.98	4.08	3.90	3.90	3.00	.....	.....	.....
Memphis and Richmond.....	M. G. Powell.....	41	3	44	1	12	50	8	14	14	14.52	7.92	6.60	6.60	3.00	.....	.....	.....
Yale and Ball.....	E. Crippen.....	41	3	44	1	12	50	8	14	14	14.52	7.92	6.60	6.60	3.00	.....	.....	.....
Sanilac Center.....	D. D. Marston, John Anderson, supply.....	41	4	45	2	9	12	80	8	8	14.52	7.92	6.60	6.60	4.40	.....	.....	49.21
Snover and Argyle.....	A. J. Stevens.....	47	13	60	1	9	28	250	9	9	13.18	8.20	6.90	6.90	4.40	.....	.....	62.84
Harbor Beach and Delaware.....	A. D. Warren.....	69	2	71	1	2	18	150	9	9	16.17	8.82	7.35	7.35	4.95	.....	.....	19.76
Hubb and Meade.....	E. B. Call.....	33	5	38	1	2	12	60	10	10	13.81	6.48	5.40	5.40	3.00	.....	.....	.....
Wilmot and Evergreen.....	A. Tice.....	43	8	51	1	3	18	120	9	9	13.81	7.20	6.00	6.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....
Caro and Akron.....	A. S. Stambaugh.....	49	12	61	2	1	14	90	5	5	38.20	2.70	6.75	6.75	1.50	.....	.....	12.50
Mayville.....	F. Crandall.....	19	1	20							8.98	2.70	2.15	2.15	2.10	.....	.....	.....
Saginaw Mission.....	C. Caswell.....	33	5	38	1	7	40	13	40	13	8.25	3.50	3.75	3.75	2.10			15.00
East Vassar.....	W. H. Haight.....	17	4	21	1	2	11	45	5	5	6.94	3.78	3.15	3.15	2.10			3.61
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FLINT AND BAY CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions	General Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions
FLINT DISTRICT																	
Flint and Genesee.....	M. Devolst, District Elder	54	3	57			1	12	60	10	15 51	46	\$ 11 76	\$ 7 05	4 70		
West Flint, Forest and Lennon.....	H. Montgomery.....	24		24			2	10	40	6	10 33	5 58	4 05	4 65		\$ 10 00	
Holly and Gladwin.....	W. G. Bartley.....	22	7	29			1	8	45	7	8 88	4 68	3 90	2 60			\$ 3 00
Farrandville and Flushing.....	E. D. Hartley.....	25	1	26			1	10	30	2	9 75	5 22	4 35				
Elk and Albee.....	B. Parker, supply.....	38	1	39			1	9	35	8	15 51	5 27	7 05	4 70		2 63	9 35
Dayton and Goodrich.....	M. E. Howard.....	44	2	46			1	5	25	10	15 51	8 46	7 03			25 00	
Mayfield and Burnside.....	M. L. Boyce.....	13	3	16			1	1	3	2	6 60	3 60		3			
Amy, Brandon and Oxford.....	C. H. Bartlett, supply.....	41	1	42			2	14	100	8	12 87	7 02	5 85	1 05			12 00
Washington, Bay and Bruce.....	H. Voorhess.....	40	8	48			3	21	100	6	9 57	6 21	4 35	3 90			
Otisville.....	A. E. Warren.....	51	3	54			3	22	45	3	17 49	9 50	7 95	5 30		2 15	10 50
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett.....	G. Phetteplace.....	39	1	40			3	2	17	50	13 20	7 20	6 00	4 00			3 71
	B. F. Doolittle.....																
BAY CITY DISTRICT																	
Bay City.....	S. H. Porterfield, Dist. Elder	34	9	43			1	9	30	3	10 64	5 04	4 20	2 80		21 50	
West Bay City.....	J. McMillan.....	21	2	23			1	9	40	3	7 56	3 96	3 30			4 00	14 01
Fraser, Kawkawin and North Williams.....	H. Burse.....	48	4	52			1	12	74	3	44 52	6 40	4 50	3 00			
Arenac and White Feather.....	W. Mowery, supply.....	33	17	50			1	15	60	2	11 88	6 48	3 17				
Gladwin and New Sanilac.....	Curtis Lum, supply.....	60	12	72			3	15	110	5	23 10	12 82	11 55	7 20		6 00	
Porter, Bethany, Wheeler, Little Sault and Long Lake.....	N. A. Davis.....	32	9	41			1	1	20	3	10 65	5 76	4 80				
Alpena and Rayburn.....	Bion Voorhess.....	29	25	54			1	2	15	73	2	11 78	4 65	3 10		3 43	13 08
Wilson and Bayburn.....	S. G. Bartlett.....	50	20	70			1	3	12	90	8	11 22	6 12	5 10		3 40	25 00
Rose City and Bell schoolhouse.....	O. Freeman.....	36	21	57			2	13	60	4	10 89	5 94	4 95	2 05			
West Branch, Campbell's Corners and Edwards.....	R. E. Haight.....	63	11	74			1	2	174	3	15 84	8 64	7 20	4 80		3 00	20 46
Maple Ridge and Melita.....	S. Reed.....	20	7	27							11 19	3 24	2 68			6 00	
Sterling, Moores Junction and Alger.....	N. M. Cooke.....	21	7	28			3			1	17 01						
Alamando and Hope.....	C. H. Lee, supply.....	21	7	28			3			1	17 01						
Indian Mission.....	Fred Parks, supply.....	21	7	28			3			1	17 01						
Arcadia and North Lake.....	William Henry, supply.....	21	7	28			3			1	17 01						
	Moses Smith, supply.....	21	7	28			3			1	17 01						
		4		7													
Total.....		1746	271	2017	38	22	50	527	2858	280	\$ 640 74	\$ 380 88	\$ 240 65	\$ 232 19	\$ 131 80	\$ 216 21	\$ 439 49

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT LEWISTOWN,
ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 21-24, 1904

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

J. C. SILLS, *Secretary.*

W. C. KELLEY, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

- On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, W. D. Cochran, J. F. Deremiah.
- On Sabbath-schools—M. A. Cox, C. P. Ewing, W. E. Shuler.
- On Reforms—W. R. Bonham, M. E. Lude, C. H. Tiffin.
- On Publications—S. K. Wheatlake, R. W. Sanderson, J. E. Peck.
- On Education—M. A. Cox, J. H. Flower, L. Z. Young.
- On State of the Work—B. F. Grigg, W. D. Cochran, C. A. Fleming.
- To Collect Money for Publishing the Minutes—W. T. Graham.
- On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
- To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—A. J. Smith, B. C. Johnson, I. W. Maxey.
- On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
- On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, W. D. Cochran, J. H. Moss, Samuel White, C. A. Fleming.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. R. Bonham, S. K. Wheatlake, C. A. Fleming, W. D. Cochran, J. H. Moss.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. H. Ashcraft, for five years; J. LaDue, for four years; J. C. Sills, for three years;
W. T. Graham, president, for two years; J. H. Flower, for one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions and General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants'; fourth quarter, Church Extension and Educational Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—G. W. Hood. On Reforms—J. W. Sharpe.
On Publications—M. A. Cox. On Education—J. H. Flower.
On State of the Work.—W. D. Cochran.

RAILROAD SECRETARY

J. H. Flower, 1910 Olive street, St. Louis, Missouri.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Sherman E. Cooper, Greenville, Illinois.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Lily E. Hood, Ipava, Illinois; first vice president, Mrs. Lou E. Fleming, Greenville, Illinois; second vice president, Minnie M. Barritt, Bluffs, Illinois; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ora D. Graham, Lewistown, Illinois; recording secretary, Mrs. Minnie Ashcraft, Greenville, Illinois; treasurer, Mrs. Mollie Lawson, Cowden, Illinois.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. A. Fleming,	R. W. Sanderson,	J. N. Vannattan,	M. H. Shepard,
W. D. Cochran,	M. A. Cox,	F. H. Ashcraft,	S. K. Wheatlake,
W. C. Kelley,	G. W. Hood,	J. C. Sills,	J. H. Flower,
J. W. Sharpe,	J. L. McGiffen,	J. F. Deremiah,	S. D. Barritt,
J. LaDue,	W. H. Lawson,	W. T. Graham,	D. Kimbro,
B. F. Grigg,	J. Adams,	A. J. Smith,	A. L. Whitcomb,
D. W. Sala,	C. P. Ewing,	H. G. Ahlemeyer,	I. W. Maxey,
S. V. Coe,	D. R. Taylor,	A. L. Crumley,	M. E. Lude,
J. W. W. Kelley,	W. R. Bonham,	E. R. Banning,	X. Atchison,
B. C. Dewey,	B. C. Johnson,		

DELEGATES

Isaac Jones,	T. A. Bailey,	J. H. Moss,	C. A. Baird,
J. H. Barress,	J. W. Clark,	O. H. Tiffin,	S. McMullen,
Samuel White,	H. S. Barritt,	George Clow,	J. E. Peck,
L. Z. Young,	R. Nowlin,	W. Rittenhouse,	William Biddle,
W. M. Wilson,	W. T. Branson,	W. E. Shuler,	T. H. Eaton,
Ethel Knoles,	H. Landis,		

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, W. D. Cochran, B. F. Grigg, C. A. Fleming, J. H. Moss, Samuel White, W. T. Branson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Fred E. Bennett.

4. Who remain on trial? C. A. Stoll, C. J. Turnbow.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? M. E. Lude, B. C. Johnson, X. Atchinson, B. C. Dewey.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. P. Ewing, I. W. Maxey.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? M. H. Shepard, J. Adams.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Litchfield, Illinois, as near the second Wednesday in September, 1905, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—S. K. WHEATLAKE, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois.

Greenville.....	C. A. Fleming, Greenville, Illinois
Woburn and Sorento.....	A. J. Smith, " "
Vandalia.....	E. R. Banning, Vandalia, " "
Dudleville and Millersburg	S. E. Cooper, Greenville, " "
Keyesport.....	Fred E. Bennett, " "
Coffeen.....	J. C. Sills, Coffeen, " "
Dutch Hollow and Alma	X. Atchison, O'Fallon, " "
St. Louis and St. Louis Mission.....	J. H. Flower, 1910 Olive street, St. Louis, Missouri
Litchfield.....	M. E. Lude, Litchfield, Illinois
Hettick and Brushy Mound.....	O. W. Lowe, supply, Hettick, " "
Raymond and Honey Bend.....	Mamie Douglas, supply, Raymond, " "
Hillsboro and Irving	C. P. Ewing, Hillsboro, " "
Smithboro and Mulberry Grove.....	Carl Howland, supply, Greenville, " "

F. H. Ashcraft, financial agent of Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; J. W. Sharpe, W. R. Bonham, D. Kimbro, evangelists, Greenville, Illinois; J. L. McGiffin, evangelist, O'Fallon, Illinois; A. L. Whitcomb, president Greenville College; J. LaDue, C. A. Stoll, professors in Greenville College; J. Adams, superannuated.

COWDEN DISTRICT—B. F. GRIGG, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois.

Cowden and Bethany	W. H. Lawson, Cowden, Illinois
Shelbyville and Sylvan	D. W. Sala, Shelbyville, "
St. James and LaCleda	R. W. Sanderson, LaCleda, "
Lovington and Bethany	I. W. Maxey, Decatur, "
Tower Hill, Lakewood and Cold Springs	B. F. Ray, Tower Hill, "
Pana, Ohlman and Roberts' Chapel	W. C. Kelley, Pana, "
Bingham and Bethel	S. V. Coe, Kate Coe, supply, Bingham, "
Mt. Vernon and Home	B. C. Johnson, Mt. Vernon, "
Taylorville and Owaneco	M. A. Cox, Taylorville, "

B. C. Dewey, left without appointment to supply the work at Hot Springs, Arkansas; H. G. Ahlemeyer, left without appointment to supply a charge in the Texas conference.

IPAVA DISTRICT—W. D. COCHRAN, District Elder, Colchester, Illinois.

Ipava and Summum	C. J. Turnbow, Ipava, Illinois
Vermont, Christian Neck and Bethany	D. R. Taylor, Vermont, "
Lewistown circuit	W. T. Graham, Lewistown, "
Macomb and Colchester	J. N. Vannattan, Macomb, "
Bluffs, Naples and Valley City	Minnie M. Barritt, supply, Bluffs, "
Durham, Dallas City and Carman	S. D. Barritt, Colchester, "
Antioch and Fairfield	J. F. Deremiah, Rushville, "

G. W. Hood, J. W. W. Kelley, evangelists; M. H. Shepard, superannuated.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT—W. D. COCHRAN, District Elder.

Jacksonville	To be supplied
Mason City and Athens	T. Symons, supply, Mason City, Illinois
Forest City and Kilbourne	T. H. Eaton, supply, Forest City, "
Hopedale and Big Grove	Ethel Knoles, supply, Hopedale, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

Arthur Williams	Lakewood, Illinois	J. Minor	Greenville, Illinois
James Weekly	Nokomis, "	S. Fowler	Cowden, "
M. Smith	Shelbyville, "	W. M. Wilson	Bingham, "
E. F. Barritt	Colchester, "	W. F. Ellis	Donnellson, "
F. Andrews	St. Louis, Missouri	J. M. Shuler	Hettick, "
Paul Nelson	" "	T. Symons	Mason City, "
G. W. Webb	" "	R. C. Nowlan	St. James, "
T. Glover	Belleville, Illinois	C. Rowland	Belleville, "
C. E. Baird	2312 Wash street, St. Louis, Missouri.	O. W. Lowe	1610 Carr street, flat A, St. Louis, Missouri.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Lily E. Hood	Ipava, Illinois	Mollie E. Dewey	Pana, Illinois
Mollie Lawson	Cowden, "	Etta S. Kelley	" "
Ella M. Smith	" "	Lulu Ewing	Hillsboro, "
Lou E. Fleming	" "	Rosa Sala	Taylorville, "
Kate Coe	Bingham, "	Mary E. Kelley	Petroleum, Kentucky
Carrie E. Flower	1910 Olive street, St. Louis, Missouri.	Marguerite A. Barnes	1910 Olive street St. Louis, Missouri.
Emma Ahlemeyer	LaCleda, Illinois.		

LOCAL EVANGELISTS

Lillie Taylor	Pana, Illinois	Blanche Coker	St. Louis, Missouri
Martha Lee	" "	Gertrude Blackmore	" "
Blanch Cook	" "	Maude Righter	" "
Dita Young	Donnellson, "	Amanda Hart	Lakewood, Illinois

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Aided by the Gutenbergian invention, journalism and the making of books has become a power to which monarchs must bow. Through the agency of printing, the best thoughts of pure and able men are preserved.

There is nothing good, however, which is not subject to abuse. Some engage in the publishing business only for personal gain and scatter throughout the land vast amounts of questionable and injurious literature, poisoning the minds of old and young, and perverting the principles of righteousness. Innumerable crimes, committed by both adults and minors, are the direct result of reading these books and papers. We protest against the publishing of this kind of literature, and would almost welcome the establishment of a censorship to supervise publication.

Yet there are many good publications which are profitable both for instruction and the building up in righteousness. We would especially recommend the reading of the biographies and teachings of the fathers of our church, that the same spirit that dwelt in them may be imparted into our hearts.

We insist that all our people should read the *Free Methodist*, because there is no paper that will create such an interest in our work.

In addition, we also call attention to our missionary papers, the *Missionary Tidings* and the *Free Gospel Banner*. Both papers will create a stirring interest in the various departments of missionary work.

We solicit the co-operation of all Christian people to introduce a wholesome literature, that we may the more successfully counteract the direful effects of that class of literature which proves so fatal to the upbuilding of Christian character.

II.—ON REFORMS.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—The Bible declares in 1 John 1:5, that "God is light and in him is no darkness at all." Jesus, when on trial for his life, testified, "In secret have I said nothing." A voice from heaven rings out, "Men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." Paul tells us, "The carnal mind is enmity against God." Our Discipline wisely informs us, that while all "associations are not necessarily sinful because they are secret, yet secrecy is always a ground of suspicion." It seems to be Lucifer's main point of attack on human destiny. This deadly dose of moral separation from Christ is sugar-coated with some present temporal gain, and tissue-paper-wrapped in religious forms, ceremonies and professions, but is remarkable for the absence of the Lord Jesus from all its bodies, and we must obey the divine injunction, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

Free Masonry claims to be as old as Solomon's temple. We believe as an organization it is much younger, dating from the Apple Tree tavern, in London, in the eighteenth century. But as a moral force it is much older. Mackey's Lexicon says it requires at least three persons to constitute a lodge, one of whom must be a master. We find a record of such a gathering under the apple tree in Eden—Satan, the Grand Master; Adam, the Entered Apprentice; Eve, the Rebecca. Since then the offspring of the lodge has become legion, compassing sea and land, hoodwinking the monarch and the slave, binding in one iron grasp the Christian, the Jew, the Mohammedan, the Buddhist, the church and the world.

While we feel deep interest in, and strong sympathy for the laboring man in his struggle to obtain proper remuneration for his toil, yet as all obligated secret societies rest on clan or class distinction and have their origin in unsanctified human desire, membership in them must injure the soul's fellowship with Christ, and mar its harmony with the people of the Lord, so that all who would serve God should "come out from among them."

Since "God hath not called us to uncleanness, but unto holiness," let us kindly, but firmly and gladly, maintain our excellent position of Christian opposition to unchristian organization bound by Christless obligations.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—We regard the legalized liquor traffic as the greatest curse and shame of our civilization. It easily stands at the head of all other evil and corrupting agencies that make for the ruin of the life and happiness of the individual and the corruption of national life. As a corrupting agency in modern politics it has no equal. This is seen in the sphinx-like silence of the politicians and platforms of the dominant political parties, on this question of the liquor traffic. We believe that any political party that either condones this curse of our nation or cowers before it, ought not to expect and should not receive, the support and votes of patriotic or Christian men.

We note with joy that there is at least one political party that does not fear nor hesitate to confront this evil in the political arena, and purposes relentless warfare to the death. This party stands for the triumph of righteousness in civil government. It stands for the answer of the prayers of godly men and women. It stands for the accomplishment of that

for which evangelical churches have declared in their general conferences and assemblies. When a well-defined principle of righteousness which tends to conserve the best interests of the church, the home and the country, seeks expression and enthronement in national life, we believe it to be compatible with our holy religion for every man to do his utmost to secure the triumph of such principle in the political life of the nation. We believe that godly men should not confess Christ in the prayer and class room, and then deny him in the election booth. It is evidently inconsistent for Christian men to vote for the principles of Prohibition in general conferences and assemblies, then vote for whisky in the general election. It is time that every good man identify himself with Christ at the ballot-box.

As Free Methodists we profess and believe in sanctification. Prohibition is sanctification in politics. Therefore, every Free Methodist should be a Prohibitionist.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

The education and development of the mind is of vast importance, second only to the care and development of the soul. God has made us not only a physical but an intelligent being, endowed with a mind possessed of many faculties that are capable of instruction. To fail to develop or improve these mind forces is to come short of the higher attainments of man, render our lives useless, and become pygmies in this age of intellectual giants.

An education trains the mind, enlarges the vision, exalts the soul and gives us a better understanding of nature and of nature's God. It helps us to know and discharge our duties one toward another, our obligations to God and his will. "Knowledge is power," and when we as a church are shorn of this power, we become the helpless victims of those who possess it.

This being an age of intelligence and advanced education, we recognize it as a potent factor in the propagation of the gospel and the spread of scriptural holiness, to which we as a church are called and commissioned. In view of these facts we cheerfully call attention to the facilities of our church with its different schools and seminaries, for giving a good Christian education to all who desire it.

We would especially mention Greenville College, located within the bounds of the conference, with all its educational departments and facilities for fitting and qualifying the individual for every walk of life. And we recommend that a persistent effort be put forth on every charge in this conference to increase the opportunities of this school for doing good. Also, that we recognize the efficient services of President A. L. Whitcomb, and pledge him our prayers and hearty co-operation.

IV.—ON FINANCE.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportioned, \$487.08.

Collected, \$472.73. Deficit, \$14.35.

PERMANENT FUND.—Apportioned, \$73.80.

Collected, \$48.50. Deficit, \$25.30.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$221.40.

Collected, \$210.72. Deficit, \$10.68.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND—Apportioned, \$265.68.

Collected, \$259.88. Deficit, \$5.80.

HOME MISSIONS.—Apportioned, \$147.60.

Collected, \$146.90. Deficit, \$.70.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned, \$147.60.

Collected, \$128.57. Deficit, 19.09.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Collected, \$21.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Collected, \$701.87.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Collected, \$11.28.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—Collected, \$2.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

GREENVILLE, LITCHFIELD, COWDEN AND IPAVA DISTRICTS

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	PREACHER															Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Others & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
GREENVILLE DISTRICT																																
C. A. Fleming, Dist. Elder	W. P. Ferriss	234	23	257	5	3	1	24	306	52	67	32	36	72	\$	30	45	\$	30	45	\$	30	45	\$	20	30	\$	60	25	\$336	70	
Greenville	C. P. Ewing	75	6	81	1	3	1	24	140	26	24	75	13	50	7	20	3	13	50	7	20	3	13	50	7	20	3	13	50	7	20	3
Woburn and Sorento	J. H. Fowler	76	36	112	3	3	1	24	140	26	24	75	13	50	7	20	3	13	50	7	20	3	13	50	7	20	3	13	50	7	20	3
St. Louis	S. V. Cox	85	2	87	1	1	2	12	7	25	9	4	95	2	25	2	25	2	25	2	25	2	25	2	25	2	25	2	25	2	25	2
Coffee and Bingham	Xenophon Atchison	18	4	22	2	1	1	5	35	9	3	86	3	24	1	5	35	9	3	86	3	24	1	5	35	9	3	86	3	24	1	5
China and Dutch Hollow	E. R. Banning	12	12	24	1	1	1	6	22	2	5	94	1	20	1	6	22	2	5	94	1	20	1	6	22	2	5	94	1	20	1	6
Yadon and Valley City	C. J. Turnbull	17	1	18	1	1	1	6	22	2	5	94	1	20	1	6	22	2	5	94	1	20	1	6	22	2	5	94	1	20	1	6
Dudleyville and Millersburg	C. A. Stoll	7	2	9	1	1	1	6	40	1	2	60	1	20	1	6	40	1	2	60	1	20	1	6	40	1	2	60	1	20	1	6
Keyesport																																
LITCHFIELD DISTRICT																																
C. A. Fleming, Dist. Elder	M. E. Lude	43	5	48	1	1	1	10	78	12	13	30	7	20	3	42	4	00	6	00	4	00	6	00	4	00	6	00	4	00	6	00
Litchfield	Hettick	21	15	36	1	1	1	7	35	4	6	7	3	20	1	7	35	4	6	7	3	20	1	7	35	4	6	7	3	20	1	7
Hillsboro and Irving	M. A. Cox	50	1	51	1	1	2	8	80	7	16	50	9	00	2	8	80	7	16	50	9	00	2	8	80	7	16	50	9	00	2	8
Raymond and Honey Bend		5	2	7	1	1	1	2	7	1	2	31	1	25	1	2	7	1	2	31	1	25	1	2	7	1	2	31	1	25	1	2
COWDEN DISTRICT																																
Cowden and Bethany	B. F. Grigg, District Elder	133	8	141	1	1	2	24	110	16	45	54	24	84	13	80	7	70	11	55	20	70	13	80	7	70	11	55	20	70	13	80
St. James and La Clede	S. K. Wheatlake	86	3	89	2	1	2	21	124	20	25	41	13	86	7	45	15	05	7	45	15	05	7	45	15	05	7	45	15	05	7	45
Shelbyville and Sylvan	H. G. Ahlemeyer	38	3	41	1	1	2	10	75	6	10	62	7	48	1	10	62	7	48	1	10	62	7	48	1	10	62	7	48	1	10	62
Taylorville and Owaneco	B. F. Ray	36	2	38	1	1	2	10	60	6	10	62	7	48	1	10	62	7	48	1	10	62	7	48	1	10	62	7	48	1	10	62
Taylorville and Owaneco	D. W. Sala	52	5	57	1	1	3	20	100	12	21	12	11	52	6	40	9	65	6	40	9	65	6	40	9	65	6	40	9	65	6	40
Tower Hill and Lakewood	R. W. Sanderson	31	3	34	1	1	2	12	50	3	10	60	8	40	3	10	60	8	40	3	10	60	8	40	3	10	60	8	40	3	10	60
Lovington and Bethany	L. W. Maxey	38	5	43	1	1	2	13	100	8	17	52	10	62	7	48	15	05	7	48	15	05	7	48	15	05	7	48	15	05	7	48
Pana and Ohman	J. N. Vannattan	52	3	55	1	1	1	9	50	5	6	25	10	62	7	48	15	05	7	48	15	05	7	48	15	05	7	48	15	05	7	48
Mt. Vernon and Home	A. J. Smith	52	3	55	1	1	1	9	50	5	6	25	10	62	7	48	15	05	7	48	15	05	7	48	15	05	7	48	15	05	7	48
IPAVA DISTRICT																																
Ipava and Sumnum	W. D. Cochran, Dist. Elder	27	1	28	1	1	1	5	20	5	9	90	5	40	3	00	4	50	3	00	4	50	3	00	4	50	3	00	4	50	3	00
Coichester	G. W. Hood	42	7	49	1	1	3	14	95	13	19	14	10	41	5	80	8	70	11	15	7	50	8	70	11	15	7	50	8	70	11	15
Clewistown	W. H. Lawson	76	4	80	1	1	3	16	40	10	24	75	13	50	7	20	3	13	50	7	20	3	13	50	7	20	3	13	50	7	20	3
Coichester	J. E. Derent	20	6	26	1	1	2	9	36	4	9	24	5	04	2	80	4	20	2	80	4	20	2	80	4	20	2	80	4	20	2	80
Macomb and Lomax	S. D. Barritt	20	6	26	1	1	2	9	36	4	9	24	5	04	2	80	4	20	2	80	4	20	2	80	4	20	2	80	4	20	2	80
Macomb and Lomax	E. F. Barritt, supply	20	6	26	1	1	2	9	36	4	9	24	5	04	2	80	4	20	2	80	4	20	2	80	4	20	2	80	4	20	2	80
Antioch and Fairfield	W. T. Graham	54	13	67	1	1	4	19	110	14	13	63	10	68	5	90	8	85	5	90	8	85	5	90	8	85	5	90	8	85	5	90
Antioch and Fairfield	W. C. Kelley	54	13	67	1	1	4	19	110	14	13	63	10	68	5	90	8	85	5	90	8	85	5	90	8	85	5	90	8	85	5	90
Vermont and Ray	W. T. Graham	54	13	67	1	1	4	19	110	14	13	63	10	68	5	90	8	85	5	90	8	85	5	90	8	85	5	90	8	85	5	90
Bluffs and Valley City	Winnie M. Barritt, supply	37	19	56	1	1	2	10	45	8	9	90	5	40	3	00	4	50	3	00	4	50	3	00	4	50	3	00	4	50	3	00
Mason City and Athens	T. Symons, supply	36	6	42	1	1	2	10	44	6	9	90	5	40	3	00	4	50	3	00	4	50	3	00	4	50	3	00	4	50	3	00
Hopedale and Big Grove	W. Irving, supply	10	10	20	1	1	1	4	20	1	3	30	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80
Total		1506	180	1686	28	19	50	320	1959	201	\$	473	20	\$	283	78	\$	155	60	\$	204	02	\$	123	05			\$	92	75	\$293	94

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GREENVILLE DISTRICT											
Greenville.....			\$ 120 00		\$ 727 87	\$ 122 26	\$ 95 00	1	\$ 4000		
Woburn and Sorento.....			45 00	\$ 3 75	313 41	56 60	18 00	3	2500		
St. Louis.....	\$ 5 00		19 90	2 00	650 00	45 00	225 00				
Coffeen and Bingham.....			39 07	3 45	386 48	54 60	46 50	2	1800	1	\$ 950
Alma and Dutch Hollow.....			18 60	1 75	342 00	42 00		2	1300	1	400
Vandalia.....				60	190 40	27 00		1	1000		
Ducleyville and Millersburg.....			8 50	90	136 21	22 00		2	1000	1	400
Keyesport.....			15 00		38 34	22 00	15 00	1	650		
LITCHFIELD DISTRICT											
Litchfield.....			22 35	2 00	304 00	37 38	40 00	1	1350	1	650
Hettick.....			8 65	95	200 00	32 10	22 53	1	800		
Hillsboro and Irving.....					499 37	50 00	10 00	2	2000	1	1000
Raymond and Honey Bend.....						4 50		2	1200		
COWDEN DISTRICT											
Cowden and Bethany.....			63 07	6 90	462 00	73 20	10 00	2	1200	1	600
St. James and LaCiede.....	1 00		45 65	3 85	410 99	68 21	93 52	2	1800	1	600
Shelbyville and Sylvan.....	1 28		25 00	2 15	280 76	38 10	16 50	2	1600		
Taylorville and Owaneoc.....			24 35		310 16	50 00	10 00	3	3500	1	700
Tower Hill and Lakewood.....			60 42		377 00	50 00	1 70	3	2800	1	700
Lovington and Bethany.....			31 90	1 50	341 04	36 66		2	1500		
Pana and Ohlman.....	4 00		55 69	2 70	390 00	60 00	43 24	3	2700	1	600
Mt. Vernon and Home.....			10 00		163 50	28 00	15 44	2	1600		
IPA VA DISTRICT											
Ipava and Sumnum.....			11 68	1 50	321 88	45 06	22 31	1	500	1	900
Colchester.....	\$ 2 00		18 00	2 90	373 00	70 00	21 00	3	3100	1	600
Lewistown.....			56 40	3 75	562 00	68 50	101 85	3	2400	1	1000
Carman and Lomax.....			13 87	1 40	234 83	42 93	68 27	1	1000		
Macomb.....			25 25	2 15	194 50	55 03		1	2000		
Antioch and Fairfield.....			80 00	2 95	350 00	76 00	80 00	3	2800	1	550
Vermont and Ray.....			30 00		387 46		43 00	2	2500	1	400
Bluffs and Valley City.....			25 25	1 50	285 27	38 23	102 42	2	1700		
Mason City and Athens.....			20 09		315 51	32 00	35 00	3	2000	2	1200
Hopedale and Big Grove.....			5 25		66 41	28 00	6 67	3	1500	1	300
Total.....	\$11 28	\$ 2 00	\$ 898 03	\$48 65	\$9715 38	\$1373 88	\$1196 86	59	\$ 53750	19	\$10450

Raised for tracts: Greenville, \$2.50; St. Louis, \$25.00; Keyesport, \$2.00; Mt. Vernon, \$3.00.

KANSAS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT EMPORIA,
KANSAS, AUGUST 24-28, 1904

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*.

G. I. WINANS, *Secretary*.

E. C. LINDLEY, *Assistant Secretary*.

J. W. NORRIS, *Treasurer*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, G. I. Winans, Walter Scott.

On State of the Work—The four district elders.

On Education—A. Seibert, L. M. Tinker, M. F. Childs.

On Reforms—F. R. Cline, W. Scott, M. Kibler.

On Publications—F. A. Root, J. L. Phillippi, J. G. Bignall.

On Sabbath-schools—M. F. Childs, A. Neil, William Buchanan.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—F. R. Cline, C. L. Fike, W. W. Harris.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—A. Seibert, C. L. Manning.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, G. I. Winans, M. F. Childs, William Sines, J. R. Cooper.

On Memoirs—S. F. Wilson, J. W. Norris, Otto Zimmerman.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

M. F. Childs, president; J. A. Manning, secretary; N. S. Surface, treasurer; W. W. Harris, William Sines.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

S. F. Wilson, president; M. F. Childs, secretary; J. A. Manning, G. I. Winans, J. W. Norris.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—F. R. Cline.

On Publications—Walter Scott.

On Reforms—J. W. Norris.

On Sunday-schools—W. S. Place.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, General Superintendents' Fund; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Home and Foreign Missions.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. H. Lovejoy,
G. W. Saunders,
M. F. Childs,
Otto Zimmerman,
F. A. Root,
L. M. Tinker,
A. L. Crumley.

S. V. Green,
Walter Scott,
G. I. Winans,
J. G. Bignall,
A. Seibert,
O. L. Fike,

D. M. Poor,
G. G. Pritchard,
A. Neil,
A. Ford,
W. W. Harris,
William Buchanan,

M. L. Wilkinson,
S. F. Wilson,
J. W. Norris,
J. L. Phillippi,
F. R. Cline,
J. A. Manning,

DELEGATES

N. S. Surface,	W. H. Langston,	W. M. Swickard,	Ardilla Lindley,
M. Kibler,	Lucia Sheets,	J. D. Joslin,	Bertha Neil,
Winnie Waters,	Mary A. Bales,	M. L. Byford,	Henry Pyle,
Wesley Long,	William Sines,	A. D. Eisenhauer,	S. N. Bone,
W. H. Going,	J. R. Cooper,	Thomas Rich,	O. A. Shannon,
M. M. Root,	L. Birnbaum,	Henry Sechrist,	W. B. Bennett,
Alice Evans,	Lillie Manning,	R. L. Palmer,	Hattie J. Barker,
C. N. Joyner,	I. R. Green,	Ira Putney,	O. Pracht.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, G. I. Winans, M. F. Childs, Otto Zimmerman, S. F. Wilson, N. S. Surface, William Sines, M. Kibler, J. R. Cooper.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Charles N. Root, H. M. Brant, Roscoe E. Myers.

4. Who remain on trial? J. B. Walrafen, H. S. Dye, J. A. Chaney, E. R. Ford, C. L. Manning, J. T. Bivins, E. C. Lindley, C. W. Mendenhall.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. S. Place.

6. Who are the deacons? J. G. Bignall, A. S. Ford, J. L. Phillippi, F. R. Cline, William Buchanan, C. L. Fike, L. M. Tinker, *W. S. Place, *C. N. Joyner (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. Seibert, F. A. Root.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? C. H. Lovejoy, S. V. Green, D. M. Poor, G. W. Saunders, G. G. Pritchard, E. G. Cooper.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? A. L. Crumley, an ordained elder from the Central Illinois conference; J. A. Manning, an ordained elder from the Kentucky and Tennessee conference; E. G. Cooper, an ordained elder from the Missouri conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? L. M. Tinker, C. W. Mendenhall, to the Oklahoma conference; M. L. Wilkinson, to the Southern California conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? I. N. Watson, Fred Scott.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? S. V. Green, \$40; G. G. Pritchard, \$100; Mrs. Lizzie Scott, \$100; children of Fred Scott, \$72; Mrs. L. A. Watson, \$150; children of I. N. Watson, \$36; Mrs. Martha Robbins and children, \$75. Total, \$573.

23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Winfield, Kansas, as near the last Wednesday in August, 1905, as the general superintendents can arrange for.

*Ordained this year.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-fifth session of the Kansas annual conference was held at the Free Methodist church in Emporia, Kansas, August 24-28, 1904.

General Superintendent W. T. Hogue for the first time presided at the Kansas conference. He expressed himself as being favorably impressed with the type of Free Methodism in Kansas. He conducted the business of the conference with skill and impartiality. The Kansas conference extends to Brother Hogue a hearty invitation to come again. The conference asked that the general superintendent occupy the last fifteen minutes in addressing the conference. His remarks were all worthy of commendation, appropriate and inspiring, but his lecture upon "A Constructive Ministry" was especially pointed and practical and should be carried into the life and practise of us all as ministers.

Rev. Lutz of the Wabash conference was present and represented the publishing house and preached twice during the conference.

Sister Agnew and Peter were present and assisted in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meeting. Their services were greatly owned and blessed of God. About \$160 was raised in cash and subscriptions.

Rev. K. Thomas represented the Orleans Seminary Friday afternoon and raised about \$50 in cash and subscriptions.

By a vote of the conference all the moneys, notes and mortgages in possession of the Neosho Rapids Seminary Board were donated to the Orleans Seminary Board to be applied on the Endowment Fund.

Rev. T. C. Wendell, of the Illinois conference, was introduced to the conference and invited to an honorary seat.

The W. F. M. S. raised \$499.18 the past year.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Mrs. Clara L. Childs, president, Winfield, Kansas; Mrs. Kate Zimmerman, first vice president, Solomon, Kansas; Mrs. Lillian Manning, second vice president, Lawrence, Kansas; Miss Wilma E. Watson, recording secretary, Ottawa, Kansas, Mrs. Mary E. Fear, corresponding secretary, Clay Center, Kansas; Miss Fannie T. Martin, treasurer, Junction City, Kansas.

A sufficient amount, \$35.23, was raised to pay all deficiencies in conference claims.

APPOINTMENTS

CLAY CENTER DISTRICT—G. I. WINANS, District Elder, 1510 Poyntz avenue, Manhattan, Kansas.

Clay Center	A. Neil, Clay Center, Kansas
Washington, Spring Valley and Hawkeye.....	H. M. Brant, Washington, "
Barrett, Antioch and Walker schoolhouse.....	W. S. Place, Barrett, "
Manhattan and Alma	"
.....	Mrs. Nellie M. Winans, supply, 1510 Poyntz avenue, Manhattan, "
Junction City	Miss Fannie F. Martin, supply, Junction City, "

L. M. Tinker C. W. Mendenhall, given a certificate of standing with a view to transfer; the quarterly conference relation of G. I. Winans was fixed on the Clay Center district.

SOLOMON DISTRICT—G. I. WINANS, District Elder.

Solomon and Cox schoolhouse.....	Otto Zimmerman, Solomon, Kansas
Concord Center circuit	R. T. Little, supply, Minneapolis, "
Minneapolis, Ada and Pawnee Gap.....	To be supplied
Chapel Hill, Gypsum and {	{ M. M. Root, supply, R. F. D. No. 1, Mentor, "
Dry Creek {	{ One to be supplied
Industry, Jeffcoat and Moonlight	F. A. Root, Industry, "
Oak Hill and Wide Range.....	E. T. Layne, supply, Oak Hill, "

EMPORIA DISTRICT—J. A. MANNING, District Elder, Emporia, Kansas.

Emporia	F. R. Oline, 8 State street, Emporia, Kansas
Union schoolhouse and Americus	J. G. Bignall, R. F. D. No. 2, Reading, "

Neosho Rapids and Burlington..... To be supplied
 Plymouth, Valley and Key West..... Ida Shires, supply, Neosho Rapids, Kansas
 Eureka and Utopia..... J. B. Walrafen, Eureka, "

The quarterly conference relation of J. A. Manning was fixed on the Emporia district.

IOLA DISTRICT—J. A. MANNING, District Elder.

Iola and Neosho Falls..... J. L. Phillippi, 9 East Lincoln avenue, Iola, Kansas
 Bronson and Logan schoolhouse..... H. R. K. Miller, supply, Bronson, "
 Girard and Weir City..... R. C. Myres, Girard, "
 Pittsburg Mission.....
 Mark Whitney, Jennie Whitney, supplies, 307 East Third street, Pittsburg, "
 Altamont, Montana and Parsons..... E. C. Lindley, Altamont, "

S. V. Green, superannuated, Altamont, Kansas; G. G. Pritchard, superannuated, LaCygne, Kansas; M. L. Wilkinson, given a certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

WICHITA DISTRICT—M. F. CHILDS, District Elder, 318 West Riverside avenue, Winfield, Kansas.

Wichita..... J. T. Bivins, Minnie Bivins, supplies, 209 St. Frances avenue, Wichita, Kansas
 Rose Hill and Latham..... H. S. Heady, supply, Rose Hill, "
 Winfield..... E. R. Ford, Winfield, "
 Arkansas City..... A. S. Ford, Arkansas City, "
 Caldwell, Doster and Conway Springs..... Charles N. Root, Caldwell, "

D. M. Poor, superannuated, Arkansas City, Kansas; E. G. Cooper, superannuated, Wichita, Kansas; A. L. Crumley, evangelist; the quarterly conference relation of M. F. Childs was fixed on the Wichita district.

MARION DISTRICT—M. F. CHILDS, District Elder.

Marion and Clark schoolhouse..... John Fridley, supply, Marion, Kansas
 McPherson and Lookout..... William Buchanan, McPherson, "
 Walton and Peabody..... To be supplied
 Halstead, Patterson and Newton..... H. S. Dye, Halstead, "
 Matfield Green and Jackson schoolhouse..... J. W. Norris, Matfield Green, "

LAWRENCE DISTRICT—S. F. WILSON, District Elder, 821 North Oak street, Ottawa, Kansas.

Lawrence..... C. L. Manning, Lawrence, Kansas
 Kansas City, Kansas..... Walter Scott, 2602 Hollock street, Kansas City, "
 Leavenworth Mission..... C. P. Adney, supply, Leavenworth, "
 Meriden and Rock Creek..... Mike Kessler, supply, Meriden, "
 Harmony and Old Union..... A. Seibert, R. F. D., Baldwin, "
 Ottawa and Paola..... C. L. Fike, Ottawa, "
 Agricola and Glenwood..... F. E. Bonham, Agricola, "
 Vassar and Michigan..... William Swickard, supply, Vassar, "
 Wakarusa, Lyon schoolhouse and Fairview..... D. B. Williams, supply
 Brown County..... To be supplied
 Scranton and Osage City..... To be supplied
 Sack Creek, Ransomville, North, Taqua and Greely.....

W. W. Harris, R. F. D. No. 3 Baldwin, "
 Topeka..... J. A. Chaney, 626 Lake street, Topeka, "

C. H. Lovejoy, superannuated, Baldwin, Kansas; G. W. Saunders, superannuated, Marcelene, Missouri.

EVANGELISTS

Ira D. Putney.....	Milan, Kansas	A. Wagley.....	Emporia, Kansas
Nellie M. Winans.....	Manhattan, "	Ida Shires.....	Neosho Rapids, "
Fannie T. Martin.....	Junction City, "	Lou Birnbaum.....	Iola, "
Jennie Whitney.....	Pittsburg, "	Fannie Lyman.....	Iola, "
Mary E. Fear.....	Clay Center, "	Sadie Cline.....	Emporia, "
Ada Hubbard.....	Emporia, "	Minnie Bivins.....	Wichita, "
Charles Dobson.....	Solomon, "	Cora Richardson.....	Girard, "
Ardelia Lindley.....		Rose Hill, Kansas	

ORDAINED LOCAL PREACHERS

R. T. Littler.....	Minneapolis, Kansas	C. M. Joiner.....	Manhattan, Kansas
N. W. Hamilton.....	Burlington, "	C. N. Lyman.....	Iola, "
John Mitchel.....	Edna, "	L. J. Brock.....	Parsons, "
M. M. Root, R. F. D. No. 1, Mentor,	"	W. Barren.....	Neosho Falls, "
W. E. Huff.....	Solomon, "	H. D. Kelley.....	Hartford, "
	T. M. Hardey.....		Abilene, Kansas

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS.

Reforms must be founded on the word of God, and the agent through which a reform is effected must be unselfish, heroic and God-fearing.

Reformers are in the minority and are never correctly understood or appreciated until after death.

If we are true reformers we must consent to breast the opposition of sinful and selfish men. We must bid farewell to smiles, applause of men, and the luxuries and delights of life. We must be planted on God's immutable truth, with eyes fixed on a mark, unseen by sinful and Christless worldlings. We must have hands clean from every bribe, ears closed to every uncertain sound, our nostrils free from the faintest odors of corruption, whether in church or state, loins girt about with truth; in short, we must be men of God and have only his fear in view.

The Free Methodist church is a reform church and seeks to reform society and individuals, and is opposed to everything which stands in the way of man's reformation and salvation.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—We recognize that the liquor traffic is a most gigantic evil. Voice and vote should go hand in hand. The vote, however, determines the political value, so let us not compromise truth by voting either of the old party tickets as long as they stand on their present respective platforms. The Prohibition party is the only party pledged to this end. Join the Prohibition party. Vote as you pray. Help to down this monster so you may have honor of God and man.

SABBATH DESECRATION.—We rejoice that we have one day in seven for rest and worship. We disapprove of our people employing themselves where the divine commands of God respecting the Sabbath will be infringed upon. We disapprove of Sabbath visiting, reading secular papers, letter writing, street car riding, buying and selling milk, or anything which would destroy the sanctity of the Sabbath.

SECRETISM.—We heartily endorse the action of the late general conference respecting "labor unions." Not only do we keep ourselves free from these connections but advocate that they are detrimental to vital godliness and deep spirituality.

WORLDLINESS.—We protest against the growing tendency to ornament their attire and avoid the reproach of being entirely plain in their dress. We often see ornamental buttons, pins, pictures, badges, gold-rimmed spectacles, ruffles, ties and other ornaments on their person and on their children which tend to worldliness. We only wish our people would be patterned after the New Testament order. Primarily our work is to hold up the Bible standard. We think it not wise to combat with these great evils as ordinary reformers, but rather hurl against them the supernatural power of Holy Ghost religion which burns the pegs on which these things hang.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.—We call attention to paragraph 52 of our Discipline which reads in part as follows: "We recognize no other ground for divorce than that permitted in the word of God." We have known a few persons among us who have been guilty of violating this law and have caused us much trouble. We urge especially our preachers to awake to this evil and see that our Discipline is enforced.

EVIL SPEAKING.—The devil is using this process to bring in division. It divides and corrupts the work of God. We pray for a radical reform on these lines and deliverance from the tongue of which James says is, "set on fire of hell."

COME OUTISM.—Religious anarchy or modern "Come-outism" should not be tolerated in the least. In order to do this we should use great care in endorsing much of the modern holiness literature which is infected with this corruption. We fear this spirit of "independentism" and "do-as-you-pleaseism" is making its prey upon us and doing us much harm in many places.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—We are aware of a lack on the part of our people in attending the quarterly and district meetings. Many official members feel under no obligation to be at these gatherings. As we forget these duties so will we forget God and drift into formalism and spiritual deadness.

Again, we deplore the present condition of things relating to the minor officers of the church who assume little or no responsibility in the performance of their duty. This exists

more especially among class leaders and stewards. We urge the enforcement of the Discipline on these lines. With a little more urging prohibition and holding up the standard respecting secretism, keeping to the central point of truth on the dress question, giving no quarters to the modern system of marriage and divorce and keeping our pews and pulpits free from religious anarchism, bridling the tongue, attending strictly to our religious duties, keeping filled with the Holy Ghost, we will be accompanied by a greater outpouring of the Spirit of God and we will hear the sound of abundance of rain in all our borders.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

WATSON.—On the morning of July 6, 1904, the chill blast of death swept over one of our brightest homes and claimed for its victim the husband and father, the Rev. I. N. Watson. He was born in the state of New York, January 5, 1850; was converted at the age of twenty-one, felt the call to preach the gospel. He joined the Kansas conference in the fall of 1881, from which he took regular work serving the following appointments. Garnett and Spring Valley, one year; Spring Valley, one year; Lane and Ohio City, one year; Caldwell and Argonia, one year; Arkansas City, one year; Harmony and Prairie Center, two years; Topeka, one year; Washington, two years. He was elected district elder in the fall of 1892. He traveled the Clay Center and Marion districts four years, Lawrence and Emporia districts four years, Clay Center and Blue Valley districts four years. He served as conference secretary three years; was ministerial delegate to the late general conference. Truly a great and good man has fallen. Brother Watson was a profound thinker, a deep preacher and a man of few words. He was kind and loving to all, sweet in spirit and a man beloved by all who knew him. The Kansas conference will greatly miss him from their ranks, but we bow our heads and say amen to him who doeth all things well. Brother Watson was married to Miss Libbie A. Hagadine, March 13, 1879. To this union were born two sons and four daughters, who with his wife remain to mourn their great loss, all of whom were present at the funeral which was held at the Friends church in Prairie Center, Rev. S. F. Wilson preaching the sermon, from 2 Timothy 4:7, 8. He was assisted by Revs. A. S. Ford and W. W. Harris. He was laid to rest in the Prairie Center cemetery.

SCOTT.—Rev. Fred Scott was born in Derbyshire, England, April 6, 1857. He was converted in the Primitive Methodist church in England, and in 1881 he came to Canada. On September 27, 1882, he was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Antle. In 1884 he united with the Free Methodist church and in 1885 he joined the Kansas conference of which he was a member until his death. He served the following circuits: Kingman, Osage City, Peterson and Dagoon, Pleasant Valley, Gypsum, Washington. (as evangelist one year), McPherson, Caldwell and Argonia. In 1892 he was elected district elder and served six years. He often said he wanted to die in the work. God gave him his desire.

Brother Scott was a man of unusual worth. He was a self-made man and a powerful minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. On all our reform questions he was one of our most radical ministers. He began failing in health about two years ago. His suffering was intense. The last morning of his sickness he had a sinking spell, and afterwards called for the pilgrims, who sang by his request, "Jesus, lover of my soul." He sang part of the first verse with them. Then the power of God came on him and he shouted, "Glory to God" and clasped his hands and went to his reward, May 27, 1904.

He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. The family has lost a loving husband and father, the church a strong minister and the Kansas conference one of its best members. Funeral services were conducted by J. G. Bignall, using as a text 2 Tim. 4:6-8. Revs. H. S. Dye, G. R. Guy assisted in the services.

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The mill will attempt to grind whatever enters the burrs. It is made to grind and is not responsible for what is put into it. It will grind the rejected as readily as "the finest of the wheat." So with the mind. It is ever running and must have some material on which to work. The thoughts with which our minds are engaged agree more or less with the character of the literature we use. Hence the importance of good literature.

We would raise our voices against the increasing indulgence of trashy literature such as love stories, thrilling tales of murder and the like. Such stories are often to be found in our daily and weekly newspapers. Care should be exercised in the choice of such newspapers as are the most nearly or entirely free from such articles.

Again, we would call attention to the fact that even many of the holiness periodicals in circulation, while containing many excellent articles, often contain such articles as lead to independence of proper church organization and discipline, and error on certain lines. We would discourage the circulation of such literature among us.

We are glad to recommend our own publications and firmly believe that for sound teaching and spirituality they are unexcelled. None should fail to have the weekly, soul-inspiring visits of the *Free Methodist*. We believe God is making it a great blessing to its

readers. Our prayers are that in the future as in the past, it may continue to be a clean, fearless exponent of gospel truth. Let it be more extensively circulated.

We would also call attention to the choice selection of books and pamphlets kept on sale at the publishing house. Let them be more generally bought and read.

We would further remind you that the *Earnest Christian* is still a choice holiness magazine in which you will always find food for soul and mind.

The *Missionary Tidings* and our highly prized Sabbath-school literature still claim our hearty support. We believe our Sabbath-school literature to be unexcelled. To God be all the glory.

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CLAY CENTER DISTRICT											
Clay Center.....			\$ 2 00	\$ 1 20	\$ 272 00	\$ 35 00	\$ 31 50	1	850	1	350
Oak Hill, Wide Range, Green Ridge			25 00	1 54	214 00	40 00	10 00	1	850	1	400
Solomon and Cox schoolhouse.....	\$ 1 95	\$ 4 00	12 00	1 75	348 60	60 16	5 35	1	100	1	350
Concord Center and Sand Creek.....			16 31		129 12	41 58	22 50	1	1000		
Minneapolis, Ada and Pawnee Gap					11 00	12 36	7 00	1	1000		
Chapel Hill, Gypsum, Dry Creek.....	1 00	1 00		85	242 82	35 00	33 16			1	200
Junction City and Moonlight.....			28 00	1 00	603 81	39 72	121 71	1	750	1	700
BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT											
Washington, Spring Valley and Hawkeye.....			35 21	1 00	236 00	30 00	27 00	1	800	1	500
Alma and Manhattan.....			10 00	1 30	150 00	33 00	33 50	1	1053	1	1000
Barrett, Antioch and Irish Creek.....	1 00										
EMPORIA DISTRICT											
Emporia.....	1 50	2 00	52 67	2 90	402 00	71 87	20 00	1	1000	1	700
Union and Americus.....	1 14	2 77	10 00	1 30	222 02	40 84	28 80			1	500
Neosho Rapids, Burlington, Olivet.....			12 00	75	84 74	29 65	3 00	1	800	1	200
Eureka, Utopia and Lapland.....						18 10					
FT. SCOTT DISTRICT											
Girard, Yale and Weir City.....		1 72	14 09	80	136 00	16 43	23 35	2	400	1	600
Altamont, Montana, Parsons, Liberty				75	160 88	2 25	3 00			1	500
Iola and Neosho Falls.....		1 30	34 76	1 20	337 00	51 77				1	1000
Pittsburg Mission.....		72	23 42	40	175 00	27 45	10 05				
Bronson and Logan schoolhouse.....	1 50		1 58	45	167 32	18 90				1	600
WICHITA DISTRICT											
Wichita.....			9 00	50	325 00	39 18	27 00	1	1500		
Arkansas City.....			30 46	1 10	284 35	37 91	70 57	1	800	1	400
Caldwell, Doster, Conway Springs.....				75	209 00	37 37				1	250
Rose Hill and Latham.....					246 38	27 00	9 45				
Winfield.....			18 66		322 35	60 30	18 07	1	1500	1	500
MARION DISTRICT											
Marion and Clark schoolhouse.....			15 54	95	191 59	43 21	29 66	1	1000	1	700
McPherson and Lookout.....			23 00	1 10	173 00	39 00		1	600	1	200
Walton, Cedar Creek and Peabody.....				55	98 58	13 25					
Matfield Green and Wonevau.....	1 67	1 00	10 00	80	148 00	32 00				1	600
LAWRENCE DISTRICT											
Lawrence.....			12 88	65	253 00	30 00	7 34	1	950		
Kansas City (Kansas).....	25	1 37	20 00	60	256 60	30 08	21 45	1	490		
McPherson Mission.....			5 00	30	30 00	7 20					
Topeka.....		1 25	58 29	1 55	279 69	42 97	58 39	1	1200	1	400
Meriden.....			5 50	20		25 16					
Harmony and Old Union.....		3 18	13 00	1 55	234 00	58 57	15 00	2	1800	1	460
Ottawa and Paola.....			18 02	60	153 36	32 48	48 13	1	1000		
Richmond and Greely.....			12 00	85	193 33	40 00	10 00			1	150
Agricola and Glenwood.....			9 00	1 26	229 00	39 12	2 75	1	400	1	400
Lyndon, Vassar, Michigan, etc.....			9 00	1 35	290 16	39 26	5 50	1	500		
Total.....	\$10 01	\$20 31	\$ 546 39	\$31 81	\$7805 14	\$1285 13	\$ 703 23	25	\$ 19344	24	\$11610

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE CLAY CENTER, BLUE VALLEY, EMPORIA AND FT. SCOTT DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Baptists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Methodist "Free	Conference Claim-	Conference Super-	Conference Mis-	General Missions	General Claim	Church Extension	Delegates to Gen-	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign
CLAY CENTER DISTRICT																			
Clay Center.....	A. Nell.....	27	1	27	1	1	1	4	30	6	7	92	4	3	3	2	2		
Oakhill, Wide Range and Green Ridge.....	C. N. Root.....	24	1	24	1	2	2	7	30	5	9	90	6	3	4	3	3		
Solomon and Cox schoolhouse.....	J. G. Bignal.....	34	5	38	1	1	1	6	35	12	11	55	3	3	5	3	3		
Concord Center and Sand Creek.....	Mary E. Fear.....	33	5	38	1	1	1	8	25	8	10	56	3	3	2	3	3		
Minneapolis, Ada and Pawnee Gap.....	R. T. Littler.....	30	4	34	1	1	1	1	28	3	4	00	3	2	4	1	1		
Chapel Hill, Gypsum and Dry Creek.....	J. W. Norris.....	23	4	27	1	1	1	1	28	4	5	61	3	2	2	2	2		
Junction City and Moonlight.....	F. R. Cline.....	48	9	57	3	1	1	8	40	6	6	60	3	2	3	2	2		
BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT																			
Washington, Spring Valley, Hawkeye.....	C. W. Mendenhall.....	21	7	28	3	3	3	20	65	10	6	60	2	3	3	2	2		
Alma and Manhattan.....	L. M. Tinker.....	25	25	50	1	1	1	16	65	5	8	63	3	3	1	1	1		
Barrett, Antioch and Irish Creek.....	F. A. Root.....	38	2	40	1	1	1	1	65	6	11	88	3	5	5	3	3		
EMPORIA DISTRICT																			
Emporia.....	Walter Scott.....	54	7	61	4	1	1	11	60	13	22	04	10	4	8	7	5		
Union and Americas.....	Nellie M. Winans.....	34	2	36	2	1	1	6	25	7	5	56	4	2	3	2	2		
Neosho Rapids, Burlington and Olivet.....	William Buchanan.....	24	1	25	2	3	3	13	75	4	6	28	2	2	2	2	2		
Eureka, Utopia and Lapland.....	To be supplied.....	7	1	7	1	1	1	1	75	1	2	37	2	1	1	1	1		
FT. SCOTT DISTRICT																			
Girard, Yale and Weir City.....	P. A. and Cora Richardson.....	15	2	17	1	1	1	7	18	2	5	28	2	1	2	1	1		
Altamont, Montana, Parsons, Liberty.....	E. O. Lindly.....	19	2	21	2	2	2	17	37	6	4	95	2	1	2	2	2		
Iola and Neosho Falls.....	J. L. Phillips.....	33	2	35	2	2	2	14	75	9	7	90	4	2	3	3	3		
Pittsburg Mission.....	Mark Whitney.....	13	1	14	1	1	1	1	75	3	2	64	1	4	1	1	1		
Bronson and Logan schoolhouse.....	H. R. K. Miller.....	11	1	11	1	1	1	4	22	4	2	17	1	2	1	1	1		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE--CONTINUED

WICHITA, MARION AND LAWRENCE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim- ante Fund	General Superin- tendents' Claim	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Missions ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Societies
WICHITA DISTRICT	Wichita.....	21	4	25	1	1	1	1	4	30	6	3 30	1 80	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....
	Arkansas City.....	26	7	33	2	1	1	8	50	9	7 26	3 86	85	3 30	2 30	.....	.....	.....
	Caldwell, Dozier and Conway Springs.....	17	5	22	1	1	1	1	1	6	4 95	2 70	1 80	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	.....
	Rose Hill and Latham.....	17	5	22	1	1	1	1	1	3	4 50	2 70	1 80	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	.....
	Winfield.....	22	1	23	1	1	1	10	30	6	6 60	3 60	.....	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
	J. T. and Minnie Bivins.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MARION DISTRICT	Marion and Clark schoolhouse.....	17	1	18	.....	.....	.....	2	12	32	5	6 27	3 42	1 90	1 90	.....	.....	.....
	McPherson and Lookout.....	16	2	18	1	1	1	2	8	40	3	7 26	2 00	05	2 30	.....	.....	.....
	Walton, Cedar Creek and Peabody.....	9	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3 63	1 98	73	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
	Matfield Green and Wonevau.....	14	2	16	.....	.....	.....	1	4	25	6	5 28	2 88	1 60	2 40	1 50	.....	.....
LAWRENCE DISTRICT	Lawrence.....	19	6	25	2	2	1	1	6	62	3	4 28	2 24	1 30	1 95	.....	.....	.....
	Kansas City, (Kansas).....	18	1	19	4	1	1	10	60	7	3 46	2 60	2 00	3 00	60	.....	.....	.....
	Leavenworth Mission.....	18	5	23	1	1	1	1	1	4	1 98	1 08	60	3 00	60	.....	.....	.....
	Topeka.....	88	5	93	2	1	1	10	89	3	9 30	5 68	3 10	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	.....
	H. S. Dye.....	4	1	5	1	1	1	5	35	3	1 82	72	40	60	40	.....	.....	.....
	A. S. Ford.....	31	2	33	1	1	1	10	35	19	10 23	5 58	3 10	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	.....
	Hickman and Old Union.....	27	2	29	1	1	1	9	33	8	3 63	1 98	1 10	1 66	1 10	.....	.....	.....
	Ottawa and Paola.....	20	2	22	1	1	1	5	25	4	6 61	3 64	1 78	2 55	1 78	.....	.....	.....
	Richmond and Greely.....	27	4	31	1	1	1	5	31	7	6 50	3 60	2 80	4 20	2 00	.....	.....	.....
	Agricola and Glenwood.....	20	2	22	1	1	1	5	31	7	6 50	3 60	2 80	4 20	2 00	.....	.....	.....
	Lyndon, Vassar, Michigan, etc.....	23	3	26	8	1	2	11	45	7	8 91	4 86	2 70	4 06	2 70	.....	.....	.....
	A. Seibert and N. S. Surface.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		876	102	978	42	22	42	262	1194	381	\$ 138 62	\$ 122 61	\$ 64 82	\$ 111 67	\$ 69 24	.....	\$ 110 89	\$ 143 76

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT LIVINGSTON,
WISCONSIN, SEPTEMBER 14-17, 1904

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*.

BURTON J. VINCENT, *Secretary*.

J. J. JONES, *Assistant Secretary*.

C. SIGGLEKOW, *Statistical Secretary*.

R. CARNE, *Treasurer*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellw, A. J. Damon, J. B. Coffrin.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Edward Dietzman, Mrs. K. Roberts
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. L. Meikle, A. E. Knaak, Mrs. Ida
McWilliams, Miss Emma Martin.

On Missions—E. J. Roberts, D. W. Hart, A. D. Gillett, A. Raymond, Mrs. A.
Schultz.

On Publications—R. Carne, J. Walter Jones, R. Pearsall, E. A. Wolfe, F. O. Lewis.

On Education—J. E. Coleman, E. G. Burritt, B. J. Vincent, A. J. Cooke.

On Sabbath-schools—F. L. Burns, Celia Kast, Hiram Bushnell, A. E. Knaak.

On Reforms—J. F. Thomson, E. Z. Thwing, S. Lambert, J. I. Janney, C. H. Chase.

On the State of the Work—A. J. Damon, D. O. Dietzman, F. S. Kamm, A. Packer,
O. Owens.

On Ministerial Relations—W. A. Sellw, L. B. Webb, J. Turgeson, E. J. Roberts,
A. J. Damon.

On Complimentary Resolutions—H. W. Hills, E. N. Hawley.

To Visit Evansville Seminary—E. N. Hawley, F. F. Wolfe.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—B. J. Vincent.

On Reforms—L. B. Webb.

On Sabbath-schools—R. Carne.

On Missions—F. S. Kamm.

On State of the Work—E. J. Roberts.

On Publications—E. G. Burritt.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. F. Thomson, president, retires in 1905; D. W. Hart, retires in 1906; E. N. Hawley, secretary, retires in 1907.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

E. Z. Thwing, president, G. C. Brownell, retire 1905; R. Carne, secretary, J. Turgeson, retire in 1906; A. J. Damon, E. P. Tullis, retire 1907.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

J. E. Coleman, treasurer, C. L. Franz, retire 1905; N. J. Davis, R. Carne, secretary, retire in 1906; L. B. Webb, president, E. P. Tullis, retire in 1907.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

L. B. Webb, president, R. Carne, secretary, retire in 1905; J. Turgeson, W. H. Webb, retire in 1906; J. E. Coleman, treasurer, E. Z. Thwing, retire in 1907.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. Z. Thwing,	E. J. Roberts,	W. G. Hanmer,	R. Carne,
E. A. Wolfe,	L. B. Webb,	F. F. Wolfe,	H. W. Hills,
A. C. Jett,	E. N. Hawley,	A. E. Knaak,	F. L. Burns,
J. F. Thomson,	C. H. Chase,	A. J. Damon,	R. H. Warren,
A. D. Gillett,	J. Turgeson,	B. J. Vincent,	J. E. Coleman,
O. A. Cusick,	D. O. Dietzman,	N. J. Davis,	J. B. Coffrin,
V. G. McMurry,	W. Plant,	C. Sigglekow,	H. A. Knapp,
D. G. Jones,	D. W. Hart,	J. J. Jones,	F. S. Kamm,
D. S. Reed,	F. O. Lewis,		

DELEGATES

John Janney,	Celia Kast,	Florence Maxon,	Ida McWilliams.
Hiram Bushnell,	O. R. Owens,	R. S. Pearsall,	A. J. Cook,
Alonzo Packer,	A. Turner,	Mrs. F. Schultz,	Emma Martin,
Mrs. Kate Roberts,	Mrs. C. H. Chase,	S. Lambert,	Olive Kendall,
Fred Meyers,			

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellw, A. J. Damon, J. Turgeson, E. J. Roberts, O. R. Owens, A. Turner, Florence Maxon.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. W. Kendall, Edward Dietzman, Charles Croft, J. S. Whiting.
4. Who remain on trial? Carroll Smith, J. Walter Jones.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. G. Burritt, W. L. Meikle.
6. Who are the deacons? F. L. Burns, J. B. Coffrin, F. S. Kamm, D. G. Jones, J. J. Jones, *J. Walter Jones, A. E. Knaak, F. O. Lewis, *W. L. Meikle, D. S. Reed, E. A. Wolfe, *Aldo Raymond.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? E. G. Burritt.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. A. Knapp, J. W. Jones, J. J. Jones.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? E. Z. Thwing, C. A. Cusick, J. E. Coleman.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? V. G. McMurry, given a certificate of good standing with a view to joining another church.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. O. Lewis, D. S. Reed, N. J. Davis.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, as near the middle of September, 1905, as is consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

Five sittings of the conference were held, one each on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and two on Saturday.

Olyde R. Ebey represented the interests of the publishing house.

General Superintendent W. A. Sellw presided with ease and marked ability. His expositions of the Word will remain in our memory through years to come.

*Local.

It was ordered to raise 15 cents per member throughout the conference for an Emergency Fund for Evansville Seminary.

At the Sunday morning service Aldo Raymond was ordained local deacon, and at the Sunday afternoon service, E. G. Burritt was ordained elder.

The order for the collections for the ensuing year is as follows: November, General Missions and Home Missions; February, General Superintendents' Claim; April, Conference Claimants' and Permanent Fund; June, Evansville Seminary Emergency Fund (15 cents); August, Church Extension.

Send Church Extension and Home Mission Funds to J. E. Coleman, Evansville, Wisconsin; Evansville Seminary Emergency Fund to L. B. Webb, Evansville, Wisconsin; and all other conference moneys to conference treasurer, R. Carne, Montfort, Wisconsin.

The conference ordered to pay out of the Home Mission Fund, one-half of the freight bills of the preachers who move this year, less the reduction they may be able to secure from the railroads.

The conference ordered the preachers to report at the next conference the number of pastoral calls made during the year.

The committee on claimants and claims recommended for C. A. Cusick, \$90; for E. Z. Thwing, \$150; and for J. E. Coleman, \$150.

The General Missionary Board was asked for appropriations as follows: For Milwaukee, First church, \$15; for Whitewater and Palmyra, \$20.

The determination on the part of the W. F. M. S. and the pastors and delegates at the last conference, to raise \$1000 for missions during the past year has been fully carried out, and over \$1200 has been raised for foreign missions.

APPOINTMENTS

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—A. J. DAMON, District Elder, Evansville, Wisconsin.

Evansville.....	F. L. Burns, Evansville, Wisconsin
Albany.....	To be supplied
Milwaukee, First church.....	C. Sigglekow, 620 Twentieth street, Milwaukee, "
" Second church.....	W. L. Meikle, 473 Tenth avenue, "
Whitewater and Palmyra.....	J. B. Coffrin, Whitewater, "
Marshall circuit.....	J. F. Thompson, Marshall, "
Waukesha.....	To be supplied
Sharon.....	To be supplied
Racine.....	To be supplied

W. G. Hanmer, general conference evangelist; E. G. Burritt, principal of Evansville Seminary; V. G. McMurry, granted a certificate of standing with a view to joining another church; C. A. Cusick, J. E. Coleman, superannuated; F. O. Lewis, N. J. Davis, granted a certificate of standing; Carroll Smith, missionary to Africa; H. A. Knapp, supernumerary; A. C. Jett, evangelist; B. J. Vincent, assistant principal of Evansville Seminary; L. B. Webb, financial agent, Evansville Seminary; A. J. Damon's quarterly conference relation was fixed on the Evansville district.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT—A. J. DAMON, District Elder.

Platteville, Arthur, Cuba and New Diggins.....	E. N. Hawley, Platteville, Wisconsin
Montfort and Livingston	R. Carne, Montfort, "
Boscobel, Werley and Fennimore.....	J. Manien, supply, Boscobel, "

J. Walter Jones, supernumerary.

RICHLAND DISTRICT—E. J. ROBERTS, District Elder, Portage, Wisconsin.

Richland Center.....	Edward Dietzman, Richland Center, Wisconsin
Gillingham and Mill Creek.....	G. W. Endicott, supply, Gillingham, "
Lloyd, Little Willow and Hub City.....	Aldo Raymond, supply, Lloyd, "
LaFarge circuit.....	A. E. Knaak, LaFarge, "
Hillsboro, LaValle and Mauston.....	J. S. Whiting, LaValle, "
Revell's Valley.....	To be supplied
Sparta.....	Lissa M. Saugstead, supply, Sparta, "

D. S. Reed, granted a certificate of standing; W. Plant left without appointment, \$84 and \$85 of Discipline.

BEAVER DAM DISTRICT—E. J. ROBERTS, District Elder.

Beaver Dam and Calamus.....	F. F. Wolfe, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Pardeeville and Pacific.....	D. W. Hart, Louisa Hart, supply, Pardeeville, "

Portage and Caledonia.....	C. H. Chase, Portage, Wisconsin
Baraboo and Excelsior.....	A. D. Gillett, Baraboo, "
Oshkosh (Elm and Merritt streets).....	F. S. Kamm, 240 Elm street, Oshkosh, "
Fond du Lac.....	To be supplied

R. H. Warren, permitted to supply work in the Columbia River conference; D. G. Jones, left without appointment ¶84 and ¶85 of Discipline; J. J. Jones, supernumerary; C. H. Croft, evangelist; E. J. Roberts, quarterly conference relation was fixed on Beaver Dam district.

NORTHERN DISTRICT—J. TURGESON, District Elder, Barron, Wisconsin.

Rhineland and Woodboro.....	D. O. Dietzman, Rhineland, Wisconsin
Three Lakes and Monico Junction.....	To be supplied
Buckbee, Clintonville, Veteran's Home and Sherman.....	John Wetmore, supply, Clintonville, "
Humbird and Augusta.....	H. W. Hills, Humbird, "
York Center circuit.....	E. A. Wolfe, Wilcox, "
Barron circuit.....	J. W. Kendall, Barron, "
Sioux Creek circuit.....	W. B. Good, supply, Chetek, "
Stoska circuit.....	To be supplied
Emerald circuit.....	To be supplied
Menomonie circuit.....	To be supplied
Weyerhauser circuit.....	To be supplied
Cotaba circuit.....	To be supplied

E. Z. Thwing, superannuated.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

Ira Emerton.....	Evansville, Wisconsin	William Pfaum.....	Evansville, Wisconsin
Mrs. Grace Webb.....	"	Mrs. Christie Damon.....	"
J. A. Marion.....	Werley, "	Florence Maxon.....	Humbird, "
Mrs. Abbie Hasbrouck ..	187 Ninth street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.	Mabel Lane.....	Olive Branch Mission, Chicago, Illinois.
Lissa Saugstead.....	Sparta, Wisconsin	Robert Pearsell.....	Marshall, Wisconsin
Mrs. F. S. Kamm.....	240 Elm street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.	Mrs. A. G. Moore.....	59 Madison street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
Miss Irene Biddick..	Montfort, Wisconsin	R. Pate.....	Pardeeville, Wisconsin
C. M. Spencer ..	Marshall, "	Mrs. C. M. Spencer....	Marshall, "
Mrs. Mary Roberts...	Portage, "	Lee Munns ..	Evansville, "
Miss Esther Hart ..	Orleans, Nebraska	Mrs. Mary L. Coleman,	"
Mrs. Emma Coffrin ..	Boscobel, Wisconsin	Mrs. R. Carne ..	Montfort, "
E. P. Mankosky....	Humbird, "	Mrs. C. L. Franz.....	Fall River, "
E. P. Tullis.....	Pardeeville, "	Frank Doubleday....	Lake Mills, "
Miss Nellie Cocklin ..	Fox Lake, "	Mrs. D. W. Hart.....	Pardeeville, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

With rejoicing we give thanks unto Him who, amid trial and conflict, has brought us victoriously thus far on our journey to the skies.

Four conventions and five camp-meeting have been held during the year besides a number of revival and tent meetings in nearly all of which souls have been saved or sanctified wholly. Two churches and two parsonages have been built and the debts reduced on other church property.

In reviewing our work, three items present themselves for consideration:

First, the financial problem. While our people average more liberal than the majority of professed Christians around them, still in this day of strained commercialism we are in danger of being swept into the whirlpool of covetousness. It is to be feared that desire for gain many times accounts for a sad neglect of our general gatherings, self-interest taking place of devotion to God. This same spirit often accounts also for the financial embarrassments of our work. In this connection we notice that pastoral support is becoming more and more a problem. Too many preachers spend time and talent earning money that ought to be spent saving souls. We cannot charge all the blame for this upon the laity, nor all upon the ministry. Probably in some instances the preachers are at fault. Doubtless, more self-denial, more prayer, more faith, and more aggressive effort to extend the work would often obviate this necessity. When preachers begin secular pursuits there is a tend-

ency to continue, no matter what their support. This is bad. It must cease and the preachers more generally devote their entire time and energy to the work of God as a condition of highest spiritual and financial success. Souls are at stake. No preacher can afford to be careless of his duty.

On the other hand, while the standard of support has been raised a little during the past few years, the subject yet needs attention. With increased demands occasioned by larger families and higher price of supplies, our work is threatened with serious loss. The privileges, nay duty, of the laity to join the ministry in faith and sacrifice is apparent. Every preacher should proclaim the duty of gospel support in the same spirit and from the same motive that he declares any other truth essentially connected with entire consecration and ultimate salvation. However, two dangers confront us: First, that this pressure will discourage and disaffect those of the laity who are already doing their full duty. Second, that the preachers in self-pity will become discouraged, censorious, sour, and that they will more and more turn aside to serve tables. To avoid the one, gospel principles of giving should be stated with careful discrimination. To avoid the other, every preacher must keep triumphantly consecrated to obey his ministerial commission even though called to suffer in the presence of wealth. With the grace of God upon his people and a proper presentation by precept and example, of the duty and importance of cheerful sacrifice, we believe a further improvement in our financial problem will result.

Notice, secondly, pastoral administration. Two views of our mission are wrong: First, primarily to promote some reform, as Sabbath reform, dress, anti-secrecy, anti-tobacco, or prohibition. Secondly, to build up a spiritual membership without great regard for these issues. We believe our work is occasionally hindered by each of these views. They tend to confusion of administration, one preacher receiving into church fellowship members whom another feels compelled to renew, reform or remove. The remedy lies in a clearer view of duty. The history of the origin of our church indicates that God called us expressly to spread scriptural holiness over the land. This is the one object of our existence and ought to be the central theme of pulpit discourse and private exhortation. As a means to success we must gather into church relationship those, and those only, who heartily accord with this doctrine, and possess or are earnestly seeking the experience and exemplifying its principles in practical life. The reforms specifically held by us must be insisted upon but demanded especially as the legitimate fruit of a thorough experience; our chief cultural effort being that of the tree, incidentally but resolutely protecting the fruit from the thieves of obscure vision, indifference, neglect.

We suggest also close conformity to discipline. Every preacher promises to obey it when he unites with the conference. Listen to its demands: It requires preachers in charge of circuits "To enforce vigorously but calmly, all the rules of the society." Concerning violation of the general rules, it says, "We will bear with him for a season. But then if he repent not, he hath no more a place among us." "Allow of no exempt case; better one suffer than many." Our duty is plain. The Discipline must be enforced. Neglect is dangerous. Constant and prudent enforcement regulates, conserves, saves. It cuts off only as a last resort, but early enough to prevent contagion.

It should be remembered, however, that the preacher who habitually violates discipline is in poor position to administer it. Such an attempt is perilous for both preacher and circuit. Involving circuits in debt without consent of the official board, frequent disappointment of the congregations and neglect of pastoral visitation are dangerous violations of discipline. Probably the direction concerning pastoral visitation is more commonly disregarded with serious results than any other. Speedy improvement herein is essential to the success of some of our preachers.

Under ordinary circumstances a pastor ought to make from ten to twenty pastoral calls per week. We recommend frequent reading of section 11, chapter 8, of the Discipline, on this subject. Faithful in the discharge of his own duty, a preacher will usually produce a condition that will obviate the necessity of severe disciplinary action. Hence our position, the Discipline properly obeyed and enforced tends to conserve, not to scatter. Therefore we urge every preacher to steadily obey and constantly enforce our church law.

The third item to which we call attention is that of aggressiveness. While the bugle call to a forward march has repeatedly sounded forth throughout our conference reports, we here re-echo the call. We ought to reach more people with the gospel during the year to come than we have in the one just past. How shall it be done? We suggest greater energy in the prosecution of three lines of work: 1. Street meetings. 2. Revival, tent or grove meetings. 3. House to house visitation. Let each preacher, if possible, undertake this in villages or rural districts adjoining his circuit. We are aware that difficulties confront one who undertakes to push into new territory. The societies often want all the preacher's time, home duties are pressing, finances close, the heart faint and bashful. But time is rapidly passing. Eternity is at hand. We must surmount the difficulties and save perishing souls before the infirmities of age, or the chill of death put a period to our activity. We believe that consultation with the official boards would usually secure the co-operation of the circuits in this work. Have a load of blood-washed pilgrims go to a neighboring town occasionally for street meeting. If not, get one or two of the faithful or take your

wife and go on the streets in the name of Jesus to sing, pray, testify and exhort. Follow this up by house to house visitation. Find a place for prayer-meeting or public preaching service. Establish a regular appointment and in due time hold a protracted, tent or grove meeting. Special attention must be given to private visitation.

As a means to success in this work the preacher must keep blest. The gospel trumpet must give no uncertain sound. No tame presentation of general truths will accomplish the desired results. The falsity of the current religion of the day must be made apparent by contrast with the true. "Cursed be he that holdeth back his sword from blood."

Following out these suggestions, correcting our weak points and strengthening whatever is good, we believe the blessing of God will attend our work in a great degree and that a crown of rejoicing will be laid upon the head of every one who sacrifices his all for the kingdom of our God.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT											
Evansville.....	\$ 8 75	\$ 3 09	\$ 60 00	\$ 3 20	\$ 550 00	130 00	\$ 58 00	1	1300	1	\$ 250
Albany and English Settlement.....			37 88	20	317 75	2 00	7 00	1	300	1	950
Milwaukee, (First Church).....			37 50	2 00	428 74	64 00	46 00	1	3800	1	1500
" (Second Church).....				1 05	185 00	40 00	3 00	2	2500		
Whitewater and Palmyra.....				60	238 27	40 20		2	2500		
Marshall circuit.....				35				1	200		
Waukesha.....				20		10 43		1	500		
Sharon.....											
PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT											
Platteville, Cuba, New Diggins, etc.....			15 00		510 00	98 00		4	2500	2	1600
Montfort and Livingston.....				2 15	380 61	86 00	20 00	2	1800	1	700
Boscobel, Werley and Fennimore.....			9 00		126 53	25 75	12 75	2	2000		
RICHLAND DISTRICT											
Richland Center and Mill Creek.....			28 25	1 70	400 00	65 96	39 69	2	2600	1	1000
Gillingham, Hub City and Sabine.....			6 76	1 90	318 19	67 66	103 34	1	700	1	300
Lloyd, Little Willow and Neptune.....			12 26	1 00	238 33	36 00	24 15	2	1400	1	600
La Farge circuit.....			17 37	1 55	242 92	60 27	48 07	1	2600	1	1500
Hillsboro circuit.....			6 00	1 10	171 21	41 10	20 00	2	2000		
Revell's Valley.....			2 50	40	30 00	7 10		1	700		
BEAVER DAM DISTRICT											
Beaver Dam and Calamus.....			12 58		466 00	60 00	35 00	1	2000	1	1800
Pardeeville and Pacific.....		2 26	19 78	1 60	425 00	43 60	11 70	1	800	1	1200
Portage and Caledonia.....			16 26	1 30	380 76	56 02	7 63	2	1600		
Baraboo and Excelsior.....		1 55	13 00	80	149 09	20 85	4 48	2	1500		
Oshkosh (Elm St. and Merritt St.).....			36 80	2 20	380 35	75 00	10 00	2	5000	2	
Fond du Lac.....											
NORTHERN DISTRICT											
Rhineland and Woodboro.....		50	12 50	95	394 00	40 80		1	2500		
Three Lakes and Monica Junction.....					224 68	18 19		1	1100		
Buckbee, Clintonville and V. Home.....					5 00	10 00		1	800		
Humbird and Augusta.....			20 00	2 35	184 17	64 00		1	2500		
Barron circuit.....			20 00		144 34	85 28	46 38	1	600		
Sioux Creek circuit.....			13 86	2 35	259 44	61 84	45 00	1	800		
Sioux circuit.....					60 00	27 50	14 35	1	400		
Emerald circuit.....						16 56					
Menominee circuit.....						20 74					
Weyerhaeuser circuit.....						27 46					
York Center circuit.....		3 11	15 50	1 25	212 50	56 89	33 25	1	1000	1	700
Mauston.....											
Total.....	\$ 8 75	\$10 51	\$ 412 80	\$26 15	\$7299 88	\$1499 19	\$ 589 77	42	\$3700	14	\$12100

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE EVANSVILLE, PLATEVILLE, BEAVER DAM, RICHLAND AND NORTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Parents' Fund	General Superintendents' Claims	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT																											
Evansville.....	A. J. Dumou, District Elder	62	18	80	3	5	1	13	75	22	21	12	\$ 11.52	\$ 16.00	\$ 9.60	\$ 6.40									\$ 32.70	\$128.00	
Albany and English Settlement.....	J. E. Coleman.....	3																									
Milwaukee, (First Church).....	F. O. Lewis.....	17	2	19	1	1	6	30	3	2	6	60	3.60	5.00	3.00	4.00										7.60	
" (Second Church).....	W. L. Mickle.....	36	5	41	1	1	20	60	4	9	13	20	7.20	4.00	6.00	4.00										20.00	
Whitewater and Palmyra.....	H. W. Hills.....	16	2	18	1	1	10	5	10	5	3	9	3.78	5.25	3.15	2.10											
Marshall circuit.....	J. F. Thomson.....	14	3	17	1	1							2.16	3.00	1.80	1.20											
Waukesha.....		5											1.26	1.00	1.05	1.00											
Sharon.....		3											1.72	1.00	1.05	1.00											
PLATEVILLE DISTRICT																											
Plateville, Cuba, New Diggs, etc.,.....	A. J. Damon, District Elder	42	3	45	2	1	5	20	14	15	57	8	8.46	11.75	7.05	4.30									3.97	51.42	
Montfort and Livingston.....	F. L. Buras.....	31	1	32	4	2	10	35	10	14	19	7	7.74	10.75	6.45	4.30										22.91	
Boscobel, Werley and Renimore.....	J. B. Coffrin.....	24	2	26	1	1	4	25	2	10	23	5	5.58	5.00													
RICHLAND DISTRICT																											
Richland Center and Mill Creek.....	E. J. Roberts, District Elder	38	9	45	1	2	14	87	8	11	32	6	6.12	8.50	5.10	3.40									59.45		
Gillingham, Hub City and Sabine.....	E. S. Kamm.....	35	2	38	1	1	4	20	6	12	54	9	6.84	9.50	5.70	3.80									4.36		
Lloyd, Little Willow and Neptune.....	Aldo Raymond.....	20	2	22	1	1	8	25	3	6	60	3	6.60	5.00	3.00	3.84											
LaFarge circuit.....	D. S. Reed.....	35	11	46	1	1	9	40	2	12	21	6	6.62	6.15	5.55	3.70											
Hillsboro circuit.....	E. P. Zeller.....	19	2	21	1	1	7	40	3	7	26	3	3.96	5.50	3.30										15.42		
Revell's Valley.....		8					5	22		2	64		1.44		1.20												
BEAVER DAM DISTRICT																											
Beaver Dam and Calamus.....	E. J. Roberts, District Elder	25		26	1	3	5	25	8	8	25	4	4.50	6.25	3.75	2.25									11.00		
Portageville and Pacific.....	E. J. Wolfe.....	32	2	34	2	1	9	50	3	10	56	5	5.76	8.00	3.50	2.30									33.00		
Portage and Caledonia.....	B. J. Vincent.....	23		23	1	1	9	40	8	8	38	4	4.68	6.50	3.90	2.60											
Baraboo and Excelsior.....	Charles Hart.....	15	6	21	1	2	8	25	5	5	28	2	2.88	1.70	2.40									6.95	61.14		
Oshkosh (Elm St. and Merritt St.).....	Charles Siggickow.....	44	5	49	2	1	9	40	4	14	82	7	9.92	11.00	6.60	4.40								10.42	22.00		
Fond du Lac.....	R. H. Warren.....	3		3					2	2	31				11												
NORTHERN DISTRICT																											
Rhineland and Woodboro.....	J. Turgeon, District Elder	15	4	19	2	1	5	30	3	6	27	2	2.85	4.75	3.00	1.90									1.30		
Three Lakes and Monica Junction.....	D. O. Dietzman.....								25																		
Buckbee, Clintonville and V. Home.....	C. G. Chandler.....																										
Humbird and Augusta.....	E. N. Hawley.....	10																									
Barron circuit.....	J. W. Kendall.....	44	7	51	1	2	5	20	1	5	00	3	3.00	2.10	2.00	4.70										52.65	
Sion Creek circuit.....	A. E. Knaak.....	45	18	63	1	2	12	20	11	13	51	8	8.46	5.49	7.05	3.20											
Sioxa circuit.....	W. B. Good.....	44	4	48	3	2	12	20	7	15	51	8	8.46	7.05	4.80	3.70										13.81	
Menomonie circuit.....	H. Robinson.....	17	1	18	1	2	5	2	2	2	50	3	3.00	1.75	2.00	4.70										30.50	
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WABASH CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT WESTFIELD,
ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 14-17, 1904.

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

JOHN A. WATSON, *Secretary.* A. F. NISWONGER, *Assistant Secretary.*
J. B. LUTZ, *Statistical Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, John A. Watson, A. F. Niswonger, H. E. Woodard.

On Church Literature—J. B. Lutz, D. S. Moore, George Corson.

On Reforms—H. J. McKinnell, E. E. Robbins, S. J. Barger.

On State of the Work—U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson.

On Sabbath-schools—W. G. McVey, Nancy E. Funk, Phoebe Clegg.

On Education—A. F. Niswonger, R. F. Durham, Isaac Kesler.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. B. Lutz, W. G. McVey, I. N. Wilson.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes—S. H. Lewis, D. S. Moore.

On Ministerial Relations—U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson, A. F. Niswonger, S. P. Mercer, E. T. Corson.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson, David Cooper, D. Duvall.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. B. Lutz, D. Duvall, A. W. Brant.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

John A. Watson, president, for two years; U. S. Ferguson, secretary, for one year;
Daniel Kesler, treasurer, for four years; S. H. Lewis, for three years; Elias
Lewis, for five years.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. F. Niswonger, president, for four years; John A. Watson, secretary, for five
years; U. S. Ferguson, for three years; H. J. McKinnell, for two years; D. S.
Moore, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. E. Robbins, president; G. W. Gilkison, secretary and treasurer, Belmont, Illi-
nois; A. F. Niswonger, David Cooper, G. E. Corson.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Conference Missions; second quarter, Church
Extension and Foreign Missions; third quarter, General Superintendents'
Claim; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

U. S. Ferguson, LaFayette, Indiana.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—W. G. McVey. On Education—J. B. Lutz.
On Church Literature—U. S. Ferguson. On State of the Work—D. S. Moore.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. W. V. Miller, president, Ft. Branch, Indiana; Daisy Fritchie, treasurer, Flat Rock, Illinois; Libbie Robbins, corresponding secretary, Dudley, Illinois.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. E. Robbins,
A. F. Niswonger,
J. B. Hull,
A. W. Brant,
W. F. Prout,
R. F. Durham,

J. H. Keys,
D. S. Moore,
S. P. Mercer,
M. M. Kern,
J. F. Erwin,
C. W. Haney.

H. J. McKinnell,
U. S. Ferguson,
E. T. Corson,
J. L. Duvall,
J. B. Lutz,

S. H. Lewis,
John A. Watson,
H. B. Ambler,
G. W. Gilkison,
W. G. McVey,

DELEGATES

David Cooper,
E. L. Sandy,
Eva Schoolfield,
D. Duvall,
John Daughtery,
Frank Frost.

William Craddock,
Phoebe Clegg,
David Schank,
Isaac Kesler,
David Curry,
T. K. Haynes,
S. J. Barger,
Rebecca Perigo,
Benjamin Crawford,
G. E. Corson,

Newton Wilson,
Francis M. Cobb,
Nancy E. Funk,
Mary Leichty,
F. M. Cullison,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson, David Cooper, D. Duvall.

4. Who remain on trial? W. V. Miller, H. E. Woodard.

6. Who are the deacons? H. B. Ambler, J. L. Duvall, G. W. Gilkison, W. F. Prout, R. F. Durham, C. W. Haney, J. F. Erwin of the first class.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. G. McVey, J. B. Lutz.

8. Who have located this year? E. T. Lloyd, at his own request; E. E. Jenkins, David Cooper.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. H. Keys, J. B. Hull.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? M. M. Kern.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? J. H. Keys, \$100.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Lawrenceville, Illinois, as near the last Wednesday in August, 1905, as can be arranged for by the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

ATTICA DISTRICT—JOHN A. WATSON, District Elder, Attica, Indiana.

Attica and Antioch.....	A. F. Niswonger, Attica, Indiana
Black Rock.....	N. S. Ogborn, supply, Pine Village, "
LaFayette.....	U. S. Ferguson, 2013 Jackson street, LaFayette, "
Frankfort.....	To be supplied

Oxford, Templeton, Boswell, Pine Village H. J. McKinnell, Oxford, Indiana
 Marshfield J. F. Erwin, Marshfield, "
 Hoopeston, Bethel and Henning R. F. Durham, Jamesburg, Illinois
 Rantoul and Sugar Grove O. W. Haney, Rantoul, "
 Danville and Urbana . S. H. Lewis, Danville, Illinois; O. R. South, supply, Urbana, "
 E. T. Lloyd, located at his own request with membership at Marshfield, Indiana.

WESTFIELD DISTRICT—JOHN A. WATSON, District Elder.

Westfield, Sidell and Mt. Olive J. B. Lutz, Westfield, Illinois
 Neoga, Pleasant Grove and Kingman W. G. McVey, Neoga, "
 Charleston and Paris To be supplied
 Terre Haute and Grandview E. E. Robbins, Dudley, "
 Arcola and Camargo To be supplied
 Tuscola To be supplied

David Cooper, located with membership at Tuscola, Illinois; W. F. Prout, left without appointment; M. M. Kern, granted a certificate of standing with view to transfer.

WABASH DISTRICT—D. S. MOORE, District Elder, Lawrenceville, Illinois.

West Salem, Mt. Zion and Mt. Hope H. B. Ambler, West Salem, Illinois
 Belmont and Mt. Carmel E. T. Corson, Belmont, "
 Vincennes and Lawrenceville H. E. Woodard, Vincennes, Indiana
 Woods' Chapel To be supplied
 Birds, Bee Branch, Island { J. L. Duvall, Birds, Illinois
 and Victory { F. M. Cullison, supply, Lawrenceville, Illinois
 Dark Bend To be supplied
 Spring Hill To be supplied
 Clay City and Ashboro S. P. Mercer, Clay City, Indiana
 St. Francisville, Liberty and New Hope G. W. Gilkison, St. Francisville, Illinois
 J. H. Keys, superannuated, West Salem, Illinois; J. B. Hull, superannuated without claim, Calhoun, Illinois; E. E. Jenkins, located with membership at Vincennes, Indiana; A. W. Brant, left without appointment.

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—D. S. MOORE, District Elder.

Evansville and Ft. Branch W. V. Miller, Ft. Branch, Indiana
 Tennyson, Bloomfield and Yankeetown J. H. Jones, supply, Tennyson, "
 Millstone J. Bowman, supply, Midway, "

D. S. Moore, member of quarterly conference of Wabash district.

John A. Watson, member of quarterly conference of Attica district.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—\$30.50.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Apportioned and collected, \$81.60.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Apportioned and collected, \$122.40.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Apportioned and collected, \$146.88.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—\$34.05.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—\$9.10.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—\$6.81.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Apportioned and collected, \$155.04.

Paid U. S. Ferguson, \$40; E. T. Corson, \$40; H. B. Ambler, \$10; H. E. Woodard, \$10; C. W. Haney, \$10; placed in hands of district elders for evangelistic work, \$45.04. Total, \$155.04.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportioned and collected, \$269.28.

Paid J. H. Keys, \$100; S. P. Mercer, \$40; Pyria Long (McVey), \$40; to general fund, \$89.28. Total, \$269.28.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' PERMANENT FUND.—Apportioned and collected, \$40.80.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

It has been said, "The safety of the nation depends on the intelligence and conscience of its people."

An education is a necessary acquirement for everyone who would reach the highest

state of usefulness. No one can, reasonably, expect to accomplish without it what he might accomplish with it.

Physical training develops physical power. Intellectual training develops intellectual power. A moral and spiritual training develops moral and spiritual power. A symmetrical education includes this three-fold training and development. A neglect of training on all, or any of these lines leaves the individual weak where there might be power.

The influence, the instruction, the training and the discipline of the home are primary and important factors in an education.

Much of Mr. Wesley's personal power and success is commonly attributed to his early parental training. One especial feature of his mother's efforts was to instil into his mind the principles of true religion and virtue.

The command of divine revelation is: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The first element of this training is honor and obedience to parents, and carries with it the gracious promise: "It shall be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." We may indulge the confidence that the child who honors and obeys his parents will honor God, and his country, and obey the laws of God and of man.

We rejoice in the fact of our public institutions of learning which make it possible for everyone to acquire an intellectual education.

We deplore the fact that the holy Bible has been driven from our public schools, and that lax morals and a spirit of skepticism in various forms are being fostered in its stead. We most earnestly pray that they may be purified of these corruptions; that the holy Bible may be returned to them and that they may be defended and maintained to the latest generations.

We would note upon good authority that the Christian church has given birth to these institutions in our own country. "The first college had a Christian birth, and bears to this day the name of a Christian minister, John Harvard."

"The second college was William and Mary." "The Virginia Assembly which gave it a doubly royal name, gave it, also, a doubly religious purpose, and mentioned among its objects the supply of the ministry and the promotion of piety."

"The third college was Yale." The society that took the initial steps for its founding was composed of clever ministers." "An authority makes the statement that 104 out of the first 119 colleges established in the United States had a distinctively Christian origin." "In due season the influence of the church so moved upon the state that institutions under civic control were founded."

The distinctively Christian and denominational schools have ever had an ameliorating influence upon the schools of the state, and we are happy to note that our little union, the Free Methodist church, is contributing its measure by instituting and maintaining seven seminaries and one college, making in all an average of one educational institution for every five and one-half years of its history.

We feel that the moral, spiritual and intellectual life and power emanating from these schools of our denomination, and the many noble, Christian and educated young men and young women which they send out annually are destined to bless the church and the state. We commend them therefore, as deserving our prayers, our support and our patronage.

III.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We lift our hearts to God in gratitude for his mercies through another year's labor. In many respects the past has been a good year. It has been fruitful in the salvation of a number of souls. Two very successful camp-meetings have been held and many circuits have had revivals. Our hearts have been encouraged.

Three new churches have been built within the past year and another one is nearing completion.

We note with pleasure the growing disposition on the part of our people to keep our church and parsonage property in good condition. This is right. Except the temple is clean it is not a fit place in which to preach "holiness unto the Lord." We note with pleasure that our preachers are united in heart, holding to the landmarks our fathers have set. The trumpet has given no uncertain sound.

However as we look over the field we see there is need of more aggressiveness in our work. There yet remains much land to be possessed. May the Lord inspire us with zeal and courage to go forward.

IV.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

We heartily commend the literature provided by the church. It is clean and wholesome and should be found in all our homes. Hart's Reminiscences and biographies of Roberts, Redfield and LaDue should be familiar to us all. A good library is a better legacy for our children than is a farm. A good book in the hands of our children is worth more than a share of bank stock. The church from its beginning has encouraged a taste for good reading and has provided a publishing house with a splendid book department

Free Methodists should order a catalogue, select a library on paper and enlist the whole family in economizing to secure it. Not all our children may have the advantage of a college education, but every child among us may have the benefit to be derived from a well selected library.

The *Free Methodist* is the only agency that can keep us in touch with our work and enable us to know what the church is doing in this and other lands. If we can take but one paper that one should be the *Free Methodist*.

Our Sunday-school literature is of a very high order. Let us discountenance all attempts to substitute any other. All these agencies make for unity and strength in the church. We pledge to them our continued and loyal support.

V.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

When in 1781 Robert Raikes pointing to neglected groups of children upon the streets, asked what could be done for them and a young Methodist lady with whom he was conversing replied, "Let us teach them to read and take them to church," a plan was devised and executed whereby religious truth has been widely disseminated, the influence of the gospel brought to bear most forcibly upon thousands of young lives and a great number reclaimed from sin and brought to the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Sabbath-school is one of the most important departments of church work. We need to awaken more to this fact. We should interest ourselves in every movement which God may use for accomplishing his purposes in the world.

It seems that in some respects we are slumbering while Satan is working. In far too many instances children raised under Free Methodist influences go elsewhere for religious instruction and church homes apparently caring nothing for the church of their godly parents; but for every cause there is an adequate reason. With proper attention could not some of these things which we deprecate be remedied? Believing the object of this report to be the improvement of such existing conditions we make the following recommendations:

1. Exercise care to have the Sabbath-school room always neat and attractive.
2. Select as far as practicable only competent and spiritual teachers.
3. Make Sabbath-school exercises fresh, interesting and helpful. Do not follow the same program each Sunday.
4. Carry forward with zeal the Home Department work.
5. By all means have a Sabbath-school library containing wholesome and interesting literature for the children.
6. Let all Sabbath-school work be characterized by an intense earnestness begotten by the consideration that the teachers may have it in their power to determine the eternal destiny of those souls over whom they are placed as guardians and instructors.

VI.—ON REFORMS.

1. ON ROMANISM.—We are still convinced that the false religion of the papacy is and till destroyed by the brightness of the coming of the Son of God will continue to be a great enemy of God and man. We will continue to labor and pray for its destruction. □

2. ON SECRET SOCIETIES.—We maintain our stand against all secret societies. The home, the church and civil government are organizations sanctioned by the word of God and will employ all the time, toil, means and cares of the man of God. □ □ □

3. ON DRESS.—We deplore signs of worldly conformity that in some places are creeping in among us and still demand that our members clothe themselves in plain attire according to the word of God and our discipline.

4. ON PROHIBITION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—We deplore the appalling fact that our government is a co-partner in the liquor traffic in destroying its citizens. As there is no hope of relief in the Republican and Democratic parties we urge all our brethren to vote the Prohibition ticket. We deplore the fact that although drunkards if men have the right to vote, our noble Christian women are deprived of the ballot and we pledge ourselves to do what we can to secure to them the right to vote.

5. ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—We call attention to the fearful desecration of the Sabbath by riding on the trains and doing secular work on the Lord's day and declare as a people we will remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

6. ON SOCIAL SINS.—Sin on the various lines of lust is fast filling hell and making earth like hell. The fact that we have one divorce for every seven marriages and our land is run over with snares to despoil virtue and the very bone, blood, mind and spirit of our youth is being sapped by this monster vice makes us reach out one hand in encouragement to the brave rescue workers, and raise the other hand in warning to parents and teachers to watch with zealous care the sacred trust committed to them.

VII.—ON COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

The twentieth annual session of the Wabash conference will be the occasion of most

pleasant memories to all who attended. Love and harmony prevailed throughout the entire session. The preachers this year eliminated all discouraging features from their reports. They are cheerful and hopeful and show a disposition to make the coming year the most fruitful of their lives. The labors of our General Superintendent W. T. Hogue were blessed of God and were highly appreciated by the people. The meeting in the interest of education conducted by Rev. A. L. Whitcomb, president of Greenville College, was enthusiastic and inspiring. The publishing house has been ably represented by Rev. George Bradfield of the Illinois conference. The conference has been generously entertained, the pastors of the various churches have been present at our meetings and have extended friendly greetings. The pastor, H. E. Woodard, and his loyal society and the district elder, John A. Watson, have honorably acquitted themselves in providing for this pleasant reception. Therefore be it

☐ *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation, 1. Of the services of our worthy general superintendent for his faithful administration in the conference. 2. To the visiting brethren from other conferences for services rendered. 3. To the pastors of the churches in Westfield for friendly and fraternal recognition. 4. To the pastor of the Free Methodist church, and the Free Methodist society and the district elder for the cordial reception. 5. To the citizens of Westfield and surrounding country who have in any way contributed to make this conference a success.

HISTORICAL

The Wabash conference was organized in the year 1885 at Attica, Indiana, by General Superintendent E. P. Hart. The territory of this conference was originally embraced in the Indiana and Central Illinois conferences.

Of the ministers having a seat in the first conference there are still in our ranks, J. H. Keys, E. E. Robbins and S. H. Lewis. Of the lay members of the first conference there are still living John H. Potts, J. W. Vickery, G. W. Gilkison, J. F. Johnston and Eli Penery.

☐ At this time D. S. Moore, A. F. Niswonger and H. J. McKinnell were on trial in the conference.

At its organization the conference reported 12 preachers, 372 members, 7 churches and 2 parsonages.

JOHN H. KEYS joined the Indiana and Central Illinois conference on trial, 1880; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1882; ordained elder, 1884; transferred to Wabash conference, 1885. Received the following appointments: Sumner, 1880; Alma, 1881; West Salem, 1882; evangelist, 1883-84; district elder of Attica and Toledo districts, 1885-87; West Salem, 1888; Sugar Grove, 1889; superannuated, 1890; evangelist, 1891-92; on the resignation of W. W. Kelley in 1892 was appointed district elder of Wabash and Evansville districts; district elder Wabash and Evansville districts, 1893; left without appointment, 1894; evangelist, 1895-97; superannuated, 1898-04.

ENOS E. ROBBINS joined Indiana and Central Illinois conference on trial, 1881; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1883; ordained elder, 1885; transferred to Wabash conference, 1885. Received the following appointments: Attica, 1881; Pine Village, 1882-83; Bethel, 1884-85; Tennyson, 1886; Attica, 1887; LaFayette, 1888-90; Westfield, 1891-93; district elder Attica and Toledo districts, 1894-95; Clay City, 1896-97; Belmont, 1898; Lawrenceville, 1899; LaFayette, 1900-01; Paris, 1902; Charleston, 1903; Terre Haute, 1904.

SYLVESTER HOLLISTER LEWIS joined Indiana and Central Illinois conference on trial, 1882; was admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1884; transferred to the Wabash conference, 1885; ordained elder, 1890. Received the following appointments: Ft. Branch, 1882; Evansville, 1883; evangelist, 1884-03; Danville, 1904.

DAVID SNYDER MOORE joined Indiana and Central Illinois conference on trial, 1883; admitted into full connection in the Wabash conference and ordained deacon, 1886; ordained elder, 1890. Received the following appointments: Sorento, 1883; Liberty, 1884; West Salem, 1885-86; Calhoun, 1887; Belmont, 1888; Tennyson, 1889-90; Tuscola, 1891; district elder Attica and Toledo districts, 1892-93; Wabash and Evansville districts, 1894-95; Lawrenceville, 1897; evangelist, 1898-99; left without appointment, 1900-01; Westfield, 1902; Birds, 1903; district elder Wabash and Evansville districts, 1904.

ABRAM FRANKLIN NISWONGER joined the Indiana and Central Illinois conference on trial, 1884; admitted into full connection in the Wabash conference and ordained deacon, 1886; ordained elder, 1890. Received the following appointments: Ft. Branch, 1884; Pine Village, 1885; Attica, 1886; Tennyson, 1887; Evansville, 1888; West Salem, 1889; St. Fran-

cisville, 1890-91; Belmont, 1892-93; Hoopeston, 1894; Oxford, 1895; LaFayette, 1896-97; Clay City, 1898-99; Marshfield, 1900-01; Neoga, 1902; Attica, 1903-04.

HARVEY JOY MCKINNELL joined Indiana and Central Illinois conference on trial, 1884; admitted into full connection in the Wabash conference and ordained deacon, 1886; ordained elder, 1890. Received the following appointments: Pine Village, 1884; Belmont, 1885; Ft. Branch, 1886-88; Decker, 1889; Attica, 1890; Kingman, 1891-92; Vincennes, 1893; Westfield, 1894; St. Francisville, 1895-96; Birds, 1897; Marshfield, 1898-99; Tennyson, 1900-01; Clay City, 1902; Oxford, 1903-04.

ULYSSES SHERMAN FERGUSON joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1886; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1889; ordained elder, 1891. Received the following appointments: Bethel, 1886; Marshfield, 1887-88; Ft. Branch, 1889-90; Vincennes, 1891-92; St. Francisville, 1893-94; West Salem, 1895-96; Westfield, 1897-99; district elder of Attica and Westfield districts, 1900-01; of Wabash and Evansville districts, 1902-03; LaFayette, 1904.

JOHN ANDREW WATSON joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1886; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1890; ordained elder, 1895. Received the following appointments: Cardonia, 1886; LaFayette, 1887; Liberty, 1888; Toledo, 1889; Birds, 1890-91; Ft. Branch, 1892; West Salem, 1893-94; Westfield, 1895-96; Attica, 1897; district elder of Wabash and Evansville districts, 1898-01; of Attica and Westfield districts, 1902-04.

JAMES B. HULL joined Wabash conference on trial with relation of local deacon, 1888; admitted into full connection 1890; ordained elder, 1892. Received the following appointments: Clay City, 1888-89; Toledo, 1890; Attica, 1891-92; Marshfield, 1893; Clay City, 1894-95; St. Francisville, 1901; Vincennes, 1902; left without appointment because of failing health, 1896-98, 1900; supernumerary, 1899, 1903; superannuated, 1904.

SAMUEL PAYTON MERCER joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1891; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1893; ordained elder, 1895. Received the following appointments: Ft. Branch, 1891; Olney, 1892; Attica, 1893-94; Bloomfield, 1895-96; St. Francisville, 1897; West Salem, 1898-99; Birds, 1900; Vincennes, 1901; superannuated, 1902-03; Clay City, 1904.

EDGAR T. CORSON joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1891; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1894; ordained elder, 1896. Received the following appointments: Westfield, 1891; Vincennes, 1892; Decker, 1893; Neoga, 1894; Marshfield, 1895; Bethel, 1896; Urbana, 1897-98; Attica, 1899-1900; Frankfort, 1901; Tennyson, 1902-03; Belmont, 1904.

HARLOW BENTON AMBLER joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1894; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1897. Received the following appointments: Bethel, 1895; Marshfield, 1896-97; Hoopeston, 1898; Neoga, 1899; Millstone, 1900; Evansville, 1901; Belmont, 1902-03; West Salem, 1904.

ALBERT W. BRANT joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1894; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1896; ordained elder, 1903. Received the following appointments: Bloomfield, 1894; Ft. Branch, 1895-96; Evansville, 1897; Tennyson, 1898; St. Francisville, 1899-1900; Rantoul, 1901-02; West Salem, 1903.

GEORGE WASHINGTON GILKISON joined the Wabash conference on trial with relation of local deacon, 1897; admitted into full connection, 1899. Received the following appointments: Evangelist, 1897-98; Mt. Carmel, 1899-1900; Birds, 1901-02; Rantoul, 1903; St. Francisville, 1904.

JESSE L. DUVAL joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1897; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1899. Received the following appointments: Belmont, 1897; LaFayette, 1898-99; Westfield, 1900; West Salem, 1901-02; Clay City, 1903; Birds, 1904.

JOHN FRANKLIN ERWIN joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1899; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1903. Received the following appointments: Birds, 1899; Oxford, 1900-01; Marshfield, 1902-04.

CHARLES WALLACE HANEY joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1900; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1903. Received the following appointments: Ft. Branch, 1900-01; Sidell, 1902; Vincennes, 1903; Rantoul, 1904.

REUBEN FINLEY DURHAM joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1900; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1902. Received the following appointments: Sidell, 1900-01; Bethel, 1902-04.

JOSEPH BROWN LUTZ joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1900; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1902; ordained elder, 1904. Received the following appointments: Neoga, 1900-01; LaFayette, 1902-03; Westfield, 1904.

WALLACE GILBERT McVEY joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1900; admitted into full connection and ordained deacon, 1902; ordained elder, 1904. Received the following appointments: Frankfort, 1900; Attica, 1901-02; Neoga, 1903-04.

WILLIAM VINCENT MILLER joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1903. Received the following appointments: Ft. Branch, 1903-04.

HERMAN E. WOODARD joined the Wabash conference on trial, 1903. Received the following appointments: Westfield, 1903; Vincennes, 1904.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ATTICA DISTRICT											
Attica and Antioch.....	\$ 86	\$ 5 00	\$ 29 18	\$ 2 00	\$ 380 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 46 75	2	3000	1	\$ 2500
Danville.....	..	..	51 30	65	340 85	49 30	..	1	3500	..	..
LaFayette.....	..	..	21 00	2 05	404 65	61 90	211 25	1	800	1	600
Oxford, Boswell and Templeton.....	50	50	24 00	1 20	225 80	45 00	20 00	3	3000	1	600
Hoopeston, Bethel and Henning.....	..	..	27 25	1 50	400 00	65 75	75 85	3	2450	1	600
Rantoul, Urbana and Sugar Grove.....	..	..	30 00	1 95	387 85	61 15	149 03	4	4000	1	1000
Pine Village and Blackrock.....	..	..	12 00	..	57 20	28 25	..	1	600	1	100
Marshfield.....	..	..	21 27	2 00	371 25	50 00	50 63	1	800	1	800
Frankfort.....	..	..	..	60	..	14 90	..	1	800	..	..
WESTFIELD DISTRICT											
Westfield, Casey and Mt. Olive.....	..	..	14 59	95	251 60	40 70	16 30	2	1800	1	800
Charleston and Paris.....	..	..	..	..	100 00	25 00	18 00	2	1500	..	..
Neoga, Kingman, Pleasant Grove.....	2 00	..	25 00	1 75	323 90	50 00	55 75	3	2500	1	600
Sidell and Tuscola.....	..	..	17 73	95	172 35	32 25	19 50	2	2200	..	..
Arcola.....	..	..	..	..	15 00	35 45	..	2	1600	1	400
WABASH DISTRICT											
West Salem, Mt. Zion, Mt. Hope.....	..	..	31 74	4 20	425 00	71 85	40 07	3	1800	1	500
Belmont and Mt. Carmel.....	..	..	47 00	2 55	319 30	40 00	37 79	2	2000	1	600
Vincennes and Lawrenceville.....	..	..	34 00	2 10	361 00	35 00	4 00	2	2000	1	500
Birds, Bee Branch and Island.....	..	..	30 00	2 30	2 00	56 30	..	3	2000	1	300
Clay City, Terre Haute, Ashmore.....	1 00	2 00	50 00	3 90	476 40	75 95	85 00	3	3000	1	600
St. Francisville, Liberty, New Hope.....	..	..	35 00	..	186 40	47 95	79 35	3	2000	1	800
Victory and Dark Bend.....	..	..	12 00	..	18 25	21 75	5 00	2	1400	..	..
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT											
Evansville and Ft. Branch.....	1 45	..	35 00	1 65	365 50	55 30	54 27	2	2700	2	1200
Tennyson, Bloomfield, Yankeetown.....	..	..	3 95	2 05	220 80	40 00	7 00	2	900	1	350
Millstone.....	..	..	6 71	57	100 00	40 90	..	1	500	1	400
Woods Chapel.....	..	..	..	..	..	18 40	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....	\$ 5 81	\$ 7 50	\$ 537 72	\$ 34 92	\$ 6112 90	\$ 1113 05	\$ 975 52.51	47200	20	13050	

Raised for tracts: LaFayette, 25 cents; Hoopeston, Bethel and Henning, 30 cents; Sidell and Tuscola, \$5.00; West Salem, Mt. Zion and Mt. Hope, \$1.11; Evansville and Ft. Branch, 30 cents.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE

ATTICA, WESTFIELD, WABASH AND EVANSVILLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Kyangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Societies		
ATTICA DISTRICT																				
John A. Watson, Dist. Elder																				
Africa and Antioch.....	A. F. Niswonger.....	39	2	41	1	2	15	60	11	13	20	7	20	7	60	4	6	35		
Danville.....	S. H. Lewis.....	16	2	18	1	2	10	60	4	4	29	4	29	1	95	1	95			
LaFayette.....	J. B. Lutz.....	89	7	96	1	2	11	40	8	13	53	7	88	7	79	6	15	4	\$ 22 70	
Oxford, Boswell and Templeton.....	H. J. McKinnell.....	23	3	25	1	2	8	75	6	9	92	4	92	4	66	3	60	2	80	
Hopeston, Bethel and Henning.....	R. F. Durham.....	29	3	32	1	3	17	75	16	9	90	5	70	4	60	3	60			
Rantoli, Urbana and Sugar Grove.....	G. W. Gilson.....	31	20	51	1	2	8	65	22	12	87	7	02	7	41	5	85	3	90	
Pine Village and Blackrock.....	N. S. Ogborn, supply.....	17	4	21	1	1	3	35	4	3	00	2	00	2	00	1	00			
Marshfield.....	J. F. Erwin.....	42	3	45	2	2	1	9	37	14	13	20	7	60	6	40	6	40	3 75	
Frankfort.....	Supplied.....	6		6					2	3	96	2	16	1	80	1	20			
WESTFIELD DISTRICT																				
John A. Watson, Dist. Elder																				
Westfield, Casey and Mt. Olive.....	H. E. Woodard.....	25	1	26		2	8	38	5	6	27	3	42	3	61	2	85	1	90	
Charleston and Paris.....	E. E. Robbins.....	15	15	30					4	11	55	6	30	5	25	3	60	1	75	
Neoga, Kingman and Pleasant Grove.....	W. G. McVey.....	40	12	52	2	3	18	90	8	6	27	3	42	3	61	2	85	1	00	
Sidell and Tuscola.....	J. H. Jones, supply.....	19	1	20		2	9	35	1	7	32	3	42	3	61	2	85			
Arcola.....	.....	17		17																
WABASH DISTRICT																				
U. S. Ferguson, Dist. Elder																				
West Salem, Mt. Zion and Mt. Hope.....	A. W. Brant.....	96	11	107		3	26	120	31	27	72	15	12	11	05	10	76	8	40	
Belmont and Mt. Carmel.....	H. E. Ambler.....	51	5	56		2	12		8	19	85	9	18	9	61	6	81			
Vincennes and Lawrenceville.....	C. W. Haney.....	46	4	50	1	2	11	30	5	13	86	7	56	6	30	7	9	4	00	
Birds, Bee Branch and Island.....	D. S. Moore.....	46	1	47	1	3	13	100	10	15	18	8	28	8	74	6	90			
Clay City, Terre Haute and Ashmore.....	J. L. Duval.....	78	5	83		3	20	100	10	25	74	14	04	14	82	11	70	7	80	
St. Francisville, Liberty, New Hope.....	E. T. Lloyd.....	24	24	48		3	8	22	130	8	7	25	3	60	3	15	3	60	2 40	
Victory and Dark Bend.....	F. M. Cullison, supply.....	12		12		2	9	60	4	2	50	1	00	1	00					
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT																				
U. S. Ferguson, Dist. Elder																				
Evansville and Ft. Branch.....	W. V. Miller.....	44	8	52	2	3	17	50	10	10	89	6	27	4	95	2	30	3	85	
Tennysion, Bloomfield, Yanketown.....	E. T. Carson.....	34	2	36	1	1	5	30	8	13	52	7	38	7	79	6	15	4	10	
Milstone.....	Jacob Bauman, supply.....	26	7	33	1	1	8	40	4	6	27	2	85	3	61	3	00	2	00	
Woods Chapel.....	Supplied.....	4		4																
Total.....		832	110	942	15	8	249	1205	218	\$258	59	\$	135	03	\$	141	28	\$	115	50
Deficiency in conference collections was raised by special collection.																				
Total.....																			\$ 36 88	\$120 25

Deficiency in conference collections was raised by special collection.

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ALGONA,
IOWA, SEPTEMBER 7-11, 1904

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

H. L. TENNEY, *Secretary.*

B. Y. NEAL, *Assistant Secretary.*

H. O. RADFORD, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellw, M. L. Schooley, P. O. Cole, H. L. Tenney.

On State of the Work—M. L. Schooley, H. O. Radford, H. L. Tenney.

On Reforms—B. Y. Neal, Amy Hinshaw, John Sutton.

On Sunday-schools—P. O. Cole, J. D. Armstrong, C. W. Sutton.

On Education—H. O. Radford, Clara Russell, W. H. Hiatt.

On Publications—G. S. Phillips, George P. Wilson, D. B. McPhail.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. L. Kent, H. W. Miller.

Auditing Committee—B. Y. Neal, G. S. Phillips, H. O. Radford.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—H. W. Miller.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—George P. Wilson.

On Education—B. Y. Neal.

On Publications—M. L. Schooley.

On Sunday-schools—J. L. Kent.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. S. Phillips, for three years; George P. Wilson, for two years; M. L. Schooley, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

George P. Wilson, P. O. Cole, M. L. Schooley, C. W. Sutton, J. H. Potts.

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M. L. Schooley, B. Y. Neal, G. S. Phillips.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

P. O. Cole, Mason City, Iowa.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

O. M. Damon,
J. B. Newville,
J. H. Potts,
A. C. Damon,
P. S. Shoemaker,

Cyrus Cook,
O. W. Sutton,
G. S. Phillips,
J. L. Kent,
B. Y. Neal,

William Baldwin,
H. O. Radford,
M. L. Schooley,
H. W. Miller,
H. L. Tenney.

George P. Wilson,
O. W. Howe,
J. K. Webb,
E. E. Jones,

DELEGATES

P. O. Cole,	Joseph Walden,	Amy Hinshaw,	Clara Russell,
J. D. Armstrong.	J. H. Noble,	W. H. Hiatt,	H. G. Dubois,
John Sutton,	D. B. McPhail,	Catherine Stiff.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellw, M. L. Schooley, P. O. Cole.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? John Sutton.
4. Who remain on trial? J. W. McPeck.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? C. W. Sutton, J. K. Webb, A. C. Damon, H. L. Tenney, of the first class; E. E. Jones, H. W. Miller, of the second class; John Sutton, W. H. Hiatt, I. N. Howell (local).
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. L. Kent.
8. Who have located this year? A. G. Morgan.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? William Baldwin.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. W. Howe, C. M. Damon, Cyrus Cook.
- 11, 12. None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? H. O. Radford, P. S. Shoemaker.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. See report of committee on claims and claimants.
- 22, 23. None.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? A committee consisting of M. L. Schooley, B. Y. Neal and P. O. Cole is to decide the place; the time to be as near the second Wednesday in September, 1905, as will suit the pleasure of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-third session of our conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Algona, Iowa, September 7-11, 1904, General Superintendent Walter A. Sellw, presiding.

We greatly enjoyed Brother Sellw's wise counsel, timely admonitions and faithful and helpful presentation of the word of life. The discouraged ones were uplifted, the strong armed with additional strength, and all were incited to a determination to push out into the work for the coming year with renewed vigor, intent on extending the glorious kingdom of our Lord and Christ.

Five sittings in all were held. The business was conducted with harmony and despatch. The religious services were times of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The publishing house was represented by Rev. Clyde Ebey, of the Southern California conference. Rev. E. Ballenger presented the needs of Wessington Springs Seminary and raised \$45.60 in cash and subscriptions.

Mrs. G. H. Agnew and Peter held a very interesting Sunday afternoon missionary meeting at which there was a liberal response made to the appeal for the needs of the field.

We were favored with the privilege of meeting again with Rev. John Moran, once a laborer in our ranks, but now of the North Dakota conference.

W. H. Hiatt and I. N. Howell were ordained local deacons on Sunday afternoon.

A collection of \$9.09 was taken for the pastor, and \$3.10 was raised to pay for copies of the Combined Minutes to be sent to widows of deceased ministers of this conference and to reimburse the secretaries.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reorganized with the following officers elected for the coming year: Mrs. G. S. Phillips, president; Mrs. Emma Wade, first vice president; Mrs. I. N. Howell, second vice president; Miss S. Ada Hall, secretary and treasurer.

Assessment for Home Missions fifteen cents per member.

Order of conference collections: First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Home Missions and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

APPOINTMENTS

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT—M. L. SCHOOLEY, District Elder, Plymouth, Iowa.
 Plymouth, Lime Creek and Osage..... I. N. Howell, supply, Plymouth, Iowa
 Mason City..... S. Ada Hall, supply, Mason City, "
 Riceville, Round Grove, etc..... C. W. Sutton, Riceville, "
 Bonair, Oakdale, etc..... To be supplied
 Glenville and Lansing..... To be supplied
 Hayfield and Durant schoolhouse..... To be supplied

C. M. Damon, superannuated, LaCleda, Illinois; C. W. Howe, superannuated, Corinth, New York; J. K. Webb, Enid, Oklahoma, supplying work in Oklahoma conference; J. B. Newville, Lumsden, Assiniboia, left without appointment, ¶84 and ¶85; A. G. Morgan, Glenville, Minnesota, located at his own request; P. S. Shoemaker, H. O. Radford, Guthrie, Oklahoma, granted certificates of standing with view to transfer; George P. Wilson, Mason City, Iowa, evangelist; M. L. Schooley's membership shall be on Plymouth district.

ST. PAUL DISTRICT—B. Y. NEAL, District Elder.

Minneapolis and St. Paul..... B. Y. Neal, 1891 University avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota
 Cornell..... To be supplied

ALGONA DISTRICT—M. L. SCHOOLEY, District Elder.

Algona and Eagle Grove..... H. L. Tenney, Algona, Iowa
 Armstrong and Ceylon..... H. W. Miller, Armstrong, "
 Estherville and Capener schoolhouse..... John Sutton, 622 North Seventh street, Estherville, "
 Peterson, Douglas Center and Maple Grove..... J. L. Kent, Peterson, "

J. H. Potts, Spencer, Iowa, evangelist; Cyrus Cook, Wessington Springs, South Dakota, superannuated; E. E. Jones, Flak, Minnesota, left without appointment, ¶84 and ¶85; William Baldwin, Montfort, Wisconsin, supernumerary.

WINNEBAGO DISTRICT—M. L. SCHOOLEY, District Elder.

Elmore, Pilot Grove and Schoolhouse No. 7..... William Hiatt, supply, East Chain Lakes, Minnesota
 Winnebago City and Pleasant View..... J. W. McPeck, Winnebago City, "
 Mapleton, Mineral Springs, etc..... G. S. Phillips, R. F. D., Smith Mill, "

A. C. Damon, 711 South Tenth street, Burlington, Iowa, left without appointment, ¶84 and ¶85.

LOCAL PREACHERS

Nathan Davis..... Peterson, Iowa

EVANGELISTS

Frieda Ingvall..... Estherville, Iowa Roderick O'Connor..... Peterson, Iowa
 Mrs. L. M. Ray Sutton, Armstrong, " Mrs. Martha L. Tenney..... Algona, "
 Mrs. Grace R. Damon, 711 South Tenth street, Burlington, Iowa.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS.

Amount necessary to pay claimants next year: C. M. Damon, \$150; Cyrus Cook, \$150; C. W. Howe, \$45; Mary C. Wolcott, \$80.

II.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed, \$100.32.

Paid, \$103.62; surplus, \$3.30.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Assessed, \$54.72.

Paid, \$49.96; deficit, \$4.76. Total, \$54.72.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed, \$45.60.

Paid, \$40.57; deficit, \$5.03. Total, \$45.60.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed, \$30.40.

Paid, \$17.95; deficit, \$12.45. Total, \$30.40.

PERMANENT FUND.—Assessed, \$15.20.

Paid, \$6.45; deficit, \$8.75. Total, \$15.20.

Total deficit, \$27.69, which was provided for.

III.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

The work of the Lord in the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference during the past year has, for the most part, been very encouraging. There have been gracious revivals at several points and three good camp-meetings within the bounds of the conference. The pilgrims seem to be encouraged.

We have found this year, that wherever the Bible conditions for a revival have been met, there has been a good work, and wherever these conditions have not been met, however hard the workers have toiled, very little has been accomplished. This has always been true and always will be. President Finney said: "When the proper conditions are met, there is always a greater surety of a revival than there is of a crop of wheat, when the conditions for its culture are met."

There are some conditions in this conference that ought to be permanently remedied. For the most part, our people are more liberal with their means than other church members, yet we come very far short of obeying the Bible in this matter, and setting apart the tenth, regularly and systematically. This makes it hard for the preachers, and often necessitates their dividing their time between the work and the support of their families. It is also hard for the pilgrims as the Lord cannot prosper them as he promised to where this is done.

There is also a growing apathy among us with reference to attending our camp-meetings and district quarterly meetings. This is a certain mark of spiritual decline, and it is high time that we take advance ground in this matter.

There has also been a great lack of interest in this conference both among preachers and people, regarding the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. There is nothing that will cripple us more quickly than to neglect the heathen. When we lose the missionary spirit, our glory has departed. Some of the circuits have organized these societies the past year, and it is hoped that all the others will do the same at once.

But the greatest need of all is yet to be mentioned. A need without the supply of which these other reforms will be but in name. We need, as a people, both as ministers and laymen, to put ourselves in the same attitude toward God that the one hundred and twenty did on the day of Pentecost, and wait there till we are sure we have received just what they did.

Without this "Other Comforter" dwelling personally and consciously in our hearts, controlling us in all our affairs, as he did them, the failures of other years will be repeated. But with him enthroned, we shall go forth from this session of conference to "spread scriptural holiness over these lands." We will then see new work opened up, and the waste places rebuilt. May God grant that all these blessings may be ours.

IV.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee feel that in the past the Sunday-schools generally throughout our connection have not received the attention, support and emphasis which they should have received; but the past has gone into history and cannot be changed, hence we can only draw lessons therefrom, profit thereby, and press forward to the greatest possible improvement in the future.

In offering suggestions to improve and strengthen this department of the church we speak earnestly and with deep conviction in the matter.

In the first place, according to Free Methodist law, "The pastor is under special obli-

gation to the children and Sunday-school work of his charge," in other words he is the head of the Sunday-school and should supervise all of its work.

The pastor, superintendent and teachers should meet once each week for the study of the lesson, exchanging thoughts and methods and together formulate the best plan for presenting said lesson, so all may work together as a unit, having a definite aim and a special purpose in every lesson; thereby making the work as effective as possible.

Second, the teachers should be carefully and thoughtfully chosen by pastor and superintendent acting together, then the list submitted to the Sunday-school board for approval.

Every good pilgrim will not make a good teacher, hence the greatest care must be used in selecting from among the pilgrims those who are best adapted to this work. A Sunday-school teacher has a better opportunity to lead the children to Christ than has the pastor; therefore, besides the natural adaptability as a teacher, he must possess and manifest much of the Spirit of Christ.

Third, after the teachers are selected, the responsibility for the success of the work largely falls on them, but unless they individually feel said responsibility, their work will not be crowned with ordinary success. Teachers should daily study the lesson together with all scripture which has a direct bearing thereon or connection therewith. Not only is this necessary, but every individual pupil must be studied so that personal application of the lesson may be made to the peculiar needs of each one.

Again, if one is absent from class the teacher should visit that home if possible, or send a special message to that pupil before the next Sunday, earnestly urging him to be present at the next meeting of the class. We think it very proper also for a teacher to invite his class to spend an hour at his home at least once or twice a year in order to keep in close touch with them and learn more of their individual needs and habits. The nearer a teacher comes to his pupils the more he loves them, the greater is his desire to help them and the burden of their salvation will weigh heavier on his heart.

This certainly is the primary object of the Sunday-school, and a school which does not see some of its scholars saved, or led into a closer walk with Jesus, during the year has failed in the largest and most important feature of its work. Let us then obey the injunction of the Savior and "Suffer the children to come unto me."

We, as a committee, do not feel that our duty would be fully performed without offering a suggestion for the Sunday-school work in the conference as a whole; therefore we heartily recommend and earnestly urge that a Sunday-school convention be held in each district within the bounds of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference during the next year.

We further recommend that there be a committee in each district to make the necessary arrangements for such convention, and that the district elder and two members appointed by him shall constitute said committee.

We believe if God's stewards in these vineyards will come together and exchange ideas and methods of planting, pruning, mulching and caring for these tender vines, that much good must result; and some plants will thrive, blossom and bring forth an abundance of fruit.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

To an observant mind it is an evident fact that we are living in portentous times. Influences are at work that threaten to disintegrate us as a nation, family, church and state; and one that can be and is made to be the most fruitful source of disaffection, and the propagation of every false, disease breeding germ of untruth, that threatens to dissolve the family, divide the church and wreck the nation, is the public press. The light, flashy, obscene literature of the present is casting a withering, blighting, depraved, corrupting influence over the character of the young.

The liberty allowed the public press to advocate anarchism, to assail, besmirch and blacken the character of those they wish and to applaud corruption, fraud and deceit in public officials is causing our "Ship of State" to rock in the dangerous sea of anarchy, and threatens her destruction on the rocks of socialism.

So, in the church, the press is the great moulding factor that makes her largely what she is. Let her press be left to be run at the direction of individual, irresponsible parties and her strength will be divided and her membership rent and torn with conflicting beliefs and unfortunate dissensions; but give her a pure press, advocating wholesome doctrine, controlled by sound, able, competent editorial ability, making its utterances reliable and standard, the whole clothed in a garb of literary merit that will win its way to the people, and the church will bear the stamp of such a press upon its character. Such a press we believe the Free Methodist church is blest with in our church organ, the *Free Methodist*. We rejoice that it maintains its high spiritual tone, soundness of doctrine and literary merit. It has been said that "If we would be more holy we must be more knowing." To be more knowing we must read proper literature. We should exercise a jealous care over the class of general literature employed. Cultivate a taste for the good, the pure, the elevating, the

useful. Get our minds filled with thoughts of great and good men and we shall have no taste for the merely sensational, trashy and fictitious journalism of the present times.

We note with pleasure the increased facilities of our publishing house and its growing patronage.

We unhesitatingly recommend our Sabbath-school supplies and believe them to be second to none in point of literary merit, and spiritual tone.

We are highly pleased with and recommend our new Sabbath-school song book, "Light and Life Songs," and believe it fills a long felt want. We would recommend the use of our "Metrical Tune Book" in our public congregation.

As a conference let us be one and in the acceptance of literature be consistent with the fundamental issues of the church.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT											
Plymouth and Lime Creek.....			\$ 21 64	\$ 1 60	\$ 364 92	\$ 49 04	\$ 45 00	2	2'00	1	\$ 1000
Mason City.....			41 79		514 84	41 10	12 00	1	1300	1	1800
Riceville, Round Grove, etc.....			30 32	1 50	305 00	56 17		1	1730	1	1000
Bonair, Oakdale, etc.....			8 27		235 39	32 00	45 21	1	1000	1	500
Glenville and Lansing.....					25 00	32 00		1	1000	1	500
Osage.....				10		3 00					
Hayfield and Durant schoolhouse...				40	21 62	21 02					
ALGONA DISTRICT											
Algona and Eagle Grove.....			3 00	35	300 00	32 51	37 50	1	1350	1	750
Armstrong and East Chain Lake....	\$15 00			85	100 15	32 00	25 54	1	1000	1	800
Estherville and Ceylon.....	\$17 23	50	20 86	65	200 00	35 21	28 02	1	3000		
Spencer and Capener schoolhouse...	1 07		4 70		142 21	45 00	5 00			1	1000
Peterson, Douglas Center, etc.....			15 29		315 52	40 94	79 53	2	1800	1	550
WINNEBAGO DISTRICT											
Elmore.....			11 23	40		24 00		1	1000	1	500
Winnebago City, Pleasant View, etc			8 78		350 00	60 00		1	1000	1	500
Mapleton, Mineral Springs, etc.....			30 00		240 00	52 00	25 50				
ST. PAUL DISTRICT											
Minneapolis and St. Paul.....				60	550 00	48 57	95 00				
Raised at conference.....				8 75							
Total.....	\$18 35	\$15 50	\$ 195 88	\$15 20	\$3564 65	\$ 584 56	\$ 399 30	13	\$ 15900	11	\$ 8900

Raised for tracts: Peterson, 36 cents; Mapleton, \$1.00.

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PLYMOUTH, ST. PAUL, WINNEBAGO AND ALGONA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Off'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-ants' Fund	General Superin- tendents' Claim	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Misson- ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socie- ties
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT	M. L. Schooley, Dist. Elder																
	H. O. Radford.....	29	2	31				12	10	56	5	76	3	80	4	80	9
	P. S. Shoemaker.....	24		24				16	11	22	6	11	25	1	25	12	40
	Riceville, Round Grove, etc.....	26	4	30				7	9	80	5	40	4	50		8	18
	Bonair, Oakdale, etc.....	18	2	20				8	6	83	3	78	3	15		3	10
	Glenville and Lansing.....	8		8				4	3	94	1	24	1	20		80	4
	Osage.....	9		9				2	6	66	1	36	1	30		3	00
	Hayfield and Durant schoolhouse.....	7		7				4	2	64	1	44	1	32			
ALGONA DISTRICT	M. L. Schooley, Dist. Elder																
	H. L. Tenney.....	9	1	10				3	2	31	1	26	1	05		2	25
	William Hiatt, supply.....	16	1	17				3	5	61	3	06	2	55		5	00
	Armstrong and East Chain Lake	19	3	22				5	3	41	2	44	2	05		13	56
	Esterville and Ceylar schoolhouse.....	15		15				3	7	25	3	20	2	85		2	94
	Spencer and Caples schoolhouse.....	23		23				7	15	36	2	88	6	08		15	00
WINNEBAGO DISTRICT	M. L. Schooley, Dist. Elder																
	Supplied.....	6		6													
	J. W. McPeck	37		37				9	12	82	7	02	5	85		1	80
	G. S. Phillips.....	13	5	18				7	4	63	3	24	2	70		3	90
ST. PAUL DISTRICT	M. L. Schooley, Dist. Elder																
	Minneapolis and St. Paul.....	30	5	35				22	3	96	2	16	1	80		1	20
	Raised at conference.....										4	76				11	00
Total.....		282	23	305	6	616	85	458	100	\$ 103 62	\$ 54 72	\$ 29 38	\$ 45 60	\$ 30 40		\$ 67 96	\$ 41 90

NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT HARTFORD,
MINNESOTA, SEPTEMBER 21-25, 1904

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

H. T. KROUSEY, *Secretary.*

EMMA FISHER, *Assistant Secretary.*

S. WAITE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, N. Welter, H. T. Krousey.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On the State of the Work—N. Welter.

On Publications—J. G. Norris.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—F. P. Woodward, J. S. McCay, Nellie Jonston.

On Reforms—Clara Bartlett, Nellie Jonston.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Charles Mitchell.

On Education—F. Stokes.

On Sunday-schools—S. Waite, J. W. Glines, H. E. Redfield.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

S. Waite, three years; F. P. Woodward, two years; J. G. Norris, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. G. Norris, president; S. Waite, secretary; J. W. Glines, treasurer; J. S. McCay, R. W. Sipes.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Conference Claimants' (37 cents), General Superintendents' Claim (18 cents), Home Missions (15 cents).

CONFERENCE TREASURER

S. Waite, Park Rapids, Minnesota.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

N. Welter,
F. Stokes,
H. T. Krousey,

F. P. Woodward,
Charles Mitchell,
J. S. Cornish,

S. Waite,
A. M. Kenniston,
J. J. Compton,

J. G. Norris,
F. O. Lewis,
A. C. Ammundsen.

DELEGATES

J. W. Glines,
R. W. Sipes,

Clara Bartlett,
Nellie Jonston,

H. E. Redfield,
R. Crouse,

J. S. McCay,
J. C. Nichols.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, N. Welter, J. S. McCay.
3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15. None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. T. Krousey.

6. Who are the deacons? H. T. Krousey.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? A. M. Kenniston.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? F. O. Lewis, from the Wisconsin conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. S. Cornish.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$45.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Alexandria, Minnesota, as near the third Wednesday in September, 1905, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—N. WELTER, District Elder.

Burtrum, Lake Beauty and Long Prairie	F. O. Lewis
Holdingford and Brockway	To be supplied
Alexandria and Hudson	F. P. Woodward
Gordon, Spruce Hill and Osakis	H. T. Krousey
South Haven and St. Cloud	J. G. Norris
Big Lake and Cornell	To be supplied
Motley and Thomastown	F. Stokes
Wrightstown, Wadena and Herford	Luther Bartlett, Clara Bartlett, supplies
Fort Ripley, Huff and Brainerd	E. W. Winn, supply
Hartford and Moran	Charles Mitchell

A. M. Kenniston, superannuated; J. S. Cornish, transferred to West Kansas conference; J. J. Compton, A. C. Ammundsen, left without appointment.

NORTH DISTRICT—S. WAITE, District Elder.

Park Rapids and Osage	S. Waite
Bemidji	To be supplied
Fertile	To be supplied

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BURTRUM DISTRICT											
Alexandria and Hudson	\$ 3 31	\$ 36 73			\$ 385 00	\$ 34 03	\$ 58 00	2	\$ 2000	1	\$ 1000
Burtrum and Long Prairie	2 55	39 10			318 00	32 50	11 75	1	1000	1	400
South Haven and St. Cloud		15 00			207 74	32 00		1	1000	1	500
Gordon and Spruce Hill	2 00	30 00			300 00	28 00	12 00	2	1200	1	600
Holdingford and Brockway			\$ 55		60 00	20 62				1	75
MOTLEY DISTRICT											
Motley and Thomastown	63	21 64			350 67	32 00	4 66	1	900	1	500
Hartford and Moran		22 44	85		255 00	30 00		2	2000	1	600
Huff, Philbrook and Rail Prairie		6 00			65 00	15 00		1	500		
Fort Ripley and Brainerd					200 00	24 00	30 00	1	600	1	800
Wrightstown					230 00	25 00		1	50	1	250
Osage and Park Rapids					67 34	22 95		1	150		
Wadena and Verndale			35		7 75	7 99					
Total	\$ 8 49	\$ 170 91	\$ 1 75	\$ 2446 50	\$ 304 09	\$ 119 41	13	\$ 9400	9	\$ 4825	

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BURTRUM AND MOTLEY DISTRICTS

NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies Of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim- ants' Fund	General Superin- tendents' Claim	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci- ties
BURTRUM DISTRICT	N. Welter, District Elder																	
Alexandria and Hudson	F. P. Woodward	37	21	58	1	2	16	62	10	\$ 12 16	\$ 5 76	\$ 1 58	\$ 4 80	\$ 3 20				\$ 45 54
Burtrum and Long Prairie	Charles Mitchell	38	1	39		2	14	135	11	14 44	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80				2 70
South Haven and St. Cloud	J. G. Norris	20	2	22		1	4	1	6	10 36	4 80	4 05	4 05	2 70				
Gordon and Spruce Hill	S. Waite	37	3	40	1	1	5	80	1	14 44	6 84	3 00	5 70	3 80			\$ 2 00	17 00
Holdingford and Brockway	F. A. Gordon, supply	14	2	16						3 63	1 98	85	1 65	1 10				
MOTLEY DISTRICT	N. Welter, District Elder																	
Motley and Thomastown	F. Stokes	29	5	34		2	13	47	11	12 54	5 94	4 95	4 95	3 20			1 05	
Hartford and Moran	H. T. Krousey	22	3	25		2	12	60	7	5 01	3 16	2 55	2 55	1 70				
Huff, Philbrook and Rail Prairie	A. C. Amundsen	16	4	20	1	1	7	26	1	2 00	1 88							
Fort Ripley and Brainerd	J. S. Cornish	28	5	33	2				4	7 98	3 78	2 10	3 15	2 10				23 00
Wrightstown	E. W. Winn, supply	11	5	16					1	3 01	1 44	1 20	1 20	80				1 88
Osage and Park Rapids	Supplied	16	2	18					3	5 70	2 70			1 45				
Wadena and Verndale	Supplied	9		9	1	1			4	2 31	1 25	1 05	1 05	1 70				
Total		277	63	380	6	11	71	427	67	\$ 94 11	\$ 46 34	\$ 27 03	\$ 34 80	\$ 24 65			\$ 3 05	\$ 90 12

OIL CITY CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT NEW CASTLE, PENN.
SYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 1, 1904.

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

M. B. MILLER, *Secretary.* J. S. M'GEARY, I. B. REED, *Assistant Secretaries.*

H. D. TODD, *Statistical Secretary.* E. BLEWS, *Treasurer.*

J. K. ODELL, *Assistant Statistical Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, M. B. Miller, J. J. Zahniser, A. M. Brown.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—C. E. Weaver.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—A. J. Hill, E. S. Zahniser, R. McGarvey, A. T. Sager.

On Sabbath-schools—T. W. Murray, A. H. M. Zahniser, A. A. McLean, Mrs. Josie McCurdy, Mrs. Rachel Rowe.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On State of the Work—W. B. Roupe, A. Smith, J. C. Miller, Charles Cowan.

On Reforms—E. Blews, J. J. Ginader, John Shunk, Seth Waid.

On Publications—R. A. Zahniser, F. N. Fox, W. M. Harry, A. M. Brown.

On Education—J. M. Critchlow, H. D. Todd, R. A. Robertson, I. B. Reed.

On Memoirs—J. S. M'Geary, M. B. Miller, A. M. Bean, D. B. Tobey.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. M. Critchlow, O. S. Winslow.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—E. P. Hart, M. B. Miller, J. S. M'Geary, Charles Cowan, S. Fox.

On Ministerial Relations—E. Blews, A. J. Hill, H. D. Todd, Charles Cowan, S. Fox.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—A. J. Hill.

On Reforms—E. Blews.

On Publications—J. M. Critchlow.

On Education—M. B. Miller.

On State of the Work.—J. S. M'Geary.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. Blews, president, time expires 1906; H. D. Todd, secretary, time expires 1908; T. W. Murray, time expires 1909; A. J. Hill, time expires, 1907; W. B. Roupe, time expires 1905.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

H. D. Todd, president; T. W. Murray, secretary; E. Blews, treasurer; Charles Cowan, S. Fox.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

J. S. M'Geary, J. M. Critchlow, E. Blews, I. B. Reed, O. S. Winslow.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim, Expenses of Delegates to General Conference and

Permanent Endowment Fund; third quarter, Superannuated Claim; fourth quarter, Conference Missions. All money to be sent to E. Blews, 98 Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. E. L. M'Geary, president, Titusville, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Josephine Roupe, recording secretary, Oil City, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Kate Smith, corresponding secretary, Nickleville, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Estella Robinson, treasurer, Emporium, Pennsylvania.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. B. Roupe,	S. Sager.	D. B. Tobey.	M. B. Miller,
A. M. Bean.	O. O. Copeland,	F. E. Glass,	A. T. Sager.
J. S. M'Geary.	J. E. Berkheimer,	J. M. Critchlow,	J. J. Zahniser,
H. D. Todd,	A. Smith,	R. M. Whitcomb.	T. W. Murray,
T. H. Goodrich.	O. E. Weaver.	E. Blews,	L. A. Sager,
J. N. Eager.	E. L. Kiffer,	A. J. Hill,	R. H. Williams.
R. McGarvey.	J. N. Bennett,	R. A. Robertson,	J. K. Odell,
J. J. Ginader,	J. P. Brodhead.	F. E. Pond,	R. A. Zahniser,
F. N. Fox,	W. J. Barkas,	F. W. McClelland,	M. E. Wolcott,
J. K. Mumau,	J. F. Collins,	G. S. Bryan,	A. H. M. Zahniser,
H. W. Mitchell,	E. S. Zahniser,	W. Bryenton,	G. W. Kiffer,
G. A. Garrett,	H. D. Call,	W. E. Smith,	G. J. Kelley,
R. F. Leight.			

DELEGATES

J. C. Miller,	Luella Newton,	J. H. Shunk,	Charles Cowan,
C. O. Howard.	Seth Waid,	I. B. Reed,	Mrs. M. E. Book.
Mrs. Lizzie Dale.	D. J. Slayton,	Mrs. Belle Alio,	Mrs. Nettie Strawbridge.
Mrs. Clara Lutgen.	Mable Oook,	Mrs. R. F. Leight,	Mrs. Mary Stewart,
Mrs. Josie McCurdy,	A. A. McLean,	Mrs. Alice Bidwell,	Mrs. Rachel Rowe,
Eugene Chase,	H. W. Lucart,	John Coulter,	O. C. Wolcott,
Mrs. M. M. Bennett,	John Walker,	E. A. Johnson.	A. M. Brown,
Mrs. Anna Smith,	June Horning,	S. Fox,	W. M. Harry,
William Johnson.	J. C. Kaufman,	W. H. Muncey,	Mrs. Mary Bundy,
J. F. Stover,	Victoria Cannon,	A. Carlson,	W. S. Newton,
Mary Catlin,	W. E. McFadden,	O. S. Winslow.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, M. B. Miller, J. S. M'Geary, D. B. Tobey, A. M. Bean, Charles Cowan, S. Fox, I. B. Reed, J. Walker.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. A. Quick, F. B. Schriener, J. F. Barkas.

4. Who remain on trial? F. J. Barber, F. A. Reese, W. H. McClimans, E. L. Monroe, H. C. Barnes, A. G. Crill, C. A. Davidson, I. B. Hawks, F. W. Parks.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. Bryenton, G. W. Kiffer, G. A. Garrett, H. D. Call, W. E. Smith, G. J. Kelley, R. F. Leight.

6. Who are the deacons? T. H. Goodrich, L. A. Sager, E. L. Kiffer, R. A. Robertson, W. J. Barkas, F. W. McClelland, M. E. Wolcott, J. K. Mumau, J. F. Collins, H. W. Mitchell, *G. W. Kiffer, *G. A. Garrett, *H. D. Call, *W. E. Smith, *G. J. Kelley, *R. F. Leight, *F. K. Young (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? G. S. Bryan.

8. Who have located this year? C. H. Glass.

*Ordained this year.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. Sager, L. A. Sager, R. H. Williams, J. K. Odell.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. E. Berkheimer.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? E. S. Zahniser, from the Pittsburg conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? H. H. Bradley.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? T. H. Goodrich, P. B. Wright.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? A. Falkner.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. T. J. Stone, \$128.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Emporium, Cameron county, Pennsylvania, as near the fourth Wednesday of September, 1905, as is convenient to the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT—MENDAL B. MILLER, District Elder, 1229 Chestnut street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

New Castle (Arlington avenue).....	A. J. Hill, 281 Arlington avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania	
New Castle (Dewey avenue) and Coaltown.....	J. J. Zahniser, " " "	
Sharon.....	E. S. Zahniser, 26 Elm street, Sharon, " "	
Mercer, Prospect and Bethel.....	William Bryenton, Mercer, " "	
Sharpville.....	A. J. Beatty, supply, Sharon, " "	
Ellwood City.....	H. W. Mitchell, Ellwood City, " "	
Bruin and Argentine.....	C. E. Weaver, Bruin, " "	
Bullion.....	J. M. Critchlow, Beaver, " "	
Grove City.....	Mary J. Elliott, supply, Grove City, " "	
J. K. Odell, supernumerary, Mercer, Pennsylvania.		

MEADVILLE DISTRICT—MENDAL B. MILLER, District Elder.

Meadville.....	J. F. Collins, Meadville, Pennsylvania	
Blooming Valley.....	G. S. Bryan, Blooming Valley, " "	
Erie and McKean.....	W. A. Quick, Springboro, " "	
Union City and Mill Village.....	G. W. Kiffer, R. F. D. No. 1, Waterford, " "	
Centerville.....	C. O. Copeland, Centerville, " "	

H. D. Todd, evangelist, Blooming Valley, Pennsylvania; T. H. Goodrich, given a certificate of standing, with a view to transfer.

OIL CITY DISTRICT—J. S. M'GEARY, District Elder, Spruce street, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Oil City (South Side) and Salem.....	W. B. Roupe, Pine street, Oil City, Pennsylvania	
Oil City (North Side) Siverly and Rouseville.....	A. T. Sager, West Fourth street, Oil City, " "	
Franklin.....	A. G. Crill, Buffalo street, Franklin, " "	
Walnut Bend, Cole Hill, Weaver's and West Home.....	W. E. Smith, Nickleville, " "	
Hickory and Whig Hill.....	R. McGarvey, " "	
Mayburg and Kellettville.....	A. H. M. Zahniser, Mayburg, " "	
Titusville.....	W. J. Barkas, Brooks street, Titusville, " "	
Pleasantville, Enterprise, Jamison and Hamilton.....	E. L. Monroe, Pleasantville, " "	
Youngsville.....	G. A. Garrett, Youngsville, " "	

Tionesta and Newmansville.....	R. A. Zahniser, Tionesta, Pennsylvania
Tidioute.....	H. D. Call, Tidioute, "
Barnes, Saybrook, North Clarendon and Glade.....	F. B. Schriner, Barnes, "
Sugar Grove, Davie Hill and Brooks Hill.....	G. S. Mitchell, supply
Emblenton.....	Kate Smith, supply, Nickleville, "
Garfield.....	To be supplied

J. E. Berkheimer, superannuated, Pleasantville, Pennsylvania; R. M. Whitcomb, evangelist, Pleasantville, Pennsylvania; J. P. Brodhead, missionary to Africa, Fairview Mission, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa; W. H. McClimans, manager of the Orphanage and Home, Gerry, New York.

BRADFORD DISTRICT—D. B. TOBEY, District Elder, 1221 Buffalo street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

Bradford.....	E. Blews, 98 Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania
Tuna Creek, Bolivar Run and Derrick.....	F. A. Reese, Tuna Creek, "
Lewis Run.....	I. B. Hawks, Lewis Run, "
Galeton.....	Luella Newton, Galeton, "
Eldred and Indian Creek.....	F. N. Fox, Eldred, "
West Eldred.....	May B. Fox, supply, Eldred, "
Port Allegany and Grimes.....	Gertrude Grimm, supply, Port Allegany, "
Duke Center and Simpson.....	J. N. Eager, Duke Center, "
Ulysses.....	F. J. Barber, Ulysses, "
Keech, Seven Bridges and Borie.....	F. W. Parks, Colesburg, "
Coudersport.....	F. E. Pond, Coudersport, "
Emporium and Beechwood.....	R. A. Robertson, Emporium, "
John Wesley church.....	J. F. Barkas, Ridgway, "
Ridgway.....	F. W. McClelland, Ridgway, "
Limestone.....	F. E. Glass, Jamestown, New York
Crosby.....	W. S. Newton, Port Allegany, Pennsylvania

O. H. Glass, located according to ¶85 of the Discipline, membership in Bradford district quarterly conference, Tuna Creek, Pennsylvania; J. N. Bennett, supply at Gerry, New York.

DU BOIS DISTRICT—A. M. BEAN, District Elder, Brockwayville, Pennsylvania.

DuBois, Sabula and Falls Creek.....	O. A. Davidson, DuBois, Pennsylvania
Penfield and Mount Pleasant.....	G. J. Kelley, Penfield, "
Brockwayville, Hallton and Mountain.....	E. L. Kiffer, Brockwayville, "
Brookville and Lindsey.....	R. F. Leight, "
Philpsburg and Gearheart } ville }	{ T. W. Murray, Philipsburg, " { W. Gearhart, supply
Fleming and Dix Run.....	A. Smith, Fleming, "
Buffalo Run and Forge.....	J. K. Mumau, Runville, "
Egypt.....	W. J. Kerry

S. Sager, L. A. Sager, supernumerary; P. B. Wright, given a certificate of standing, with a view to transfer.

CLARION DISTRICT—A. M. BEAN, District Elder.

Kane, Lamont and Highland.....	T. S. Slocum, supply, Kane, Pennsylvania
Marionville, Loleta and Red Cliff.....	H. C. Barnes, Loleta, "
Tylersburg and Scotch Hill.....	M. E. Wolcott, Tylersburg, "
Shirey, Greenville and Strattonville.....	J. J. Ginader, "
Portland Mills and Zimmerman.....	O. S. Winslow, supply, Brockport, "
Piney.....	C. W. Mowry, supply, Piney, "

R. H. Williams, supernumerary, Kane, Pennsylvania.

LOCAL ELDERS

B. L. Grover.....	West Salamanca, New York
William Richards.....	Mayburg, Pennsylvania

LOCAL DEACONS

F. K. Young	185 Dewey avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania
J. C. Bowman	Tionesta, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

P. W. Fry	Sharpsville, Pennsylvania	C. H. Higby	Elida, New Mexico
O. Krantz	Youngsville, "	G. Garlock	Tuna Creek, Pennsylvania
Charles Cowan	Sharon, "	G. W. Gifford	Cherry Grove, "
C. W. Mowry	Piney, "	G. S. Mitchell	Sugar Grove, "
W. Harry	Tidioute, "	W. J. Kerry	Egypt, "
H. A. Milliron	Falls Creek, "	W. B. Burns	DuBois, "
J. Shadle	Fleming, "	W. E. McFadden	Falls Creek, "
H. Hosbach	McKean, "	H. Dibble	Spring Arbor, Michigan
F. Shutt	Girard, "	W. L. Newton	Port Allegany, Pennsylvania
W. McKay	Utica, "	O. N. Davis	Bullion, "
K. Morrison	Hallton, "	O. S. Winslow	Brockport, "
F. L. Clark	Elkland, "	S. Smock	Ridgway, "
G. Pond	Ridgway, "	H. O. Ellithorpe	Carlo, "
William Gearheart	Philipsburg, Penn- sylvania.	W. S. Smith	East Main street, Corry, Pennsylvania.
J. C. Kaufman	Route 2, Volant, Penn- sylvania.	E. W. Liebehndorfer	9 Catherine street, 32d ward, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
R. B. Brewster	350½ Pittsburg street, New Castle, Pennsylvania.	W. H. Muncey	Route 4, Franklin, Penn- sylvania.
A. J. Beatty	246 Sharpsville street, Sharon, Pennsylvania.	G. P. Lindsey	Route No. 3, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Emma Ellison	Titusville, Pennsylvania	Mrs. Jennie Tobey	Bullion, Pennsylvania
May B. Simon	Franklin, "	J. K. Dale	Franklin, "
May B. Fox	Eldred, "	Eva Young	Siverly, "
Clara Leffingwell	Bradford, "	Mrs. Kate Smith	Nickleville, "
Violetta Dalrymple	Pittsfield, "	Merille Jacobs	Seneca, "
Mrs. E. L. M'Geary	129 East Spruce street, Titusville, Pennsylvania.	Josephine McCurdy	South Oil City, Penn- sylvania.
Mrs. Minnie M. Smith	Dug Out, West Virginia.	Mary J. Everhart	214 South Peoria street, Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Florence Sager	Oil City, Pennsyl- vania.	Mrs. Huldah McClelland	Ridgway, Penn- sylvania.

EVANGELISTS

Dora G. W. Spotts	Fleming, Pennsylvania	Helen Critchlow	Pleasantville, Pennsylvania
June Horning	Penfield, "	Ethel Cook	Meadville, "
W. C. Ray	Springboro, "	Mrs. Jennie Young	Siverly, "
Victoria Cannon	Lewis Run, "	Mrs. K. M. Collins	Meadville, "
Luella Newton	Galeton, "	Della Williams	South Oil City, "
Mrs. Margaret Call	Tidioute, "	Mrs. Susie Whitford	McKean, "
Mrs. Donella S. Zahniser	Sharon, Penn- sylvania.	Gertrude Grimm	Port Allegany, Pennsylv- vania.
Mrs. Eva Cornelius	Tuna Creek, Penn- sylvania.	Lulu Crill	Finch street, New Castle, Penn- sylvania.
Mrs. Annie Crill	Buffalo street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.	Mrs. Eva Winter	Long avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Ellen K. Zahniser	Tionesta, Penn- sylvania.	Mrs. P. M. Hager	Portage Creek, Penn- sylvania.
Margaret Parker	South Oil City, Penn- sylvania.	Mrs. Annie Mossinger	Meadville, Penn- sylvania.
Mrs. Mary Mowry	Piney, Pennsylvania.		

MISCELLANEOUS

The sixth annual session was held in the First Free Methodist church, New Castle, Pennsylvania, September 28-October 1, 1904. Five sittings were held—one each on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and two on Saturday.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: W. B. Olmstead and F. L. Hall, of the Ohio conference; A. L. Whitcomb, of the Central Illinois conference; T. S. Slocum, L. D. Perkins and T. S. Simpson, of the Genesee conference; J. F. Silver, A. F. Foust, J. B. Easton, J. Barnhart and G. C. Wadding, of the Pittsburg conference; T. L. Rose, of the United Presbyterian church; R. W. Wilson, of the Primitive Methodist church; and J. C. McDonald, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

E. P. Hart presided with ability and in an impartial manner. His Sabbath morning sermon will live long in the memory of those who heard it as a remarkably clear presentation of the doctrine of heart purity. The sermon was not only lucid but unctuous and all were greatly blessed in listening.

The report of the treasurer showed every claim met in full and with the co-operation of the "elect ladies" composing the W. F. M. S., it was seen that over \$2450 had been raised to send the gospel to every land.

The meetings were all largely attended. The gracious influence of the Holy Spirit which was felt during the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the opening of the conference was manifest during the entire session. The command, "Let love be without dissimulation" was obeyed. The preponderance of expression was that this was the best session that the Oil City conference had experienced.

The conference was well entertained owing to the labors of Brother J. J. Zahniser and the hospitality of the New Castle pilgrims and friends.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS.

REV. A. FALKNER was born in Augusta, Ontario, June 10, 1826, and entered into rest at the home of his daughter in Painesville, Ohio, March 1, 1904. He was converted at the early age of thirteen and from that time until his death, he never wilfully departed from the Lord. He first entered into the experience of entire sanctification in 1855. In the earlier years of his experience in this grace, through improper teaching and a sensitive conscience, he was somewhat unstable, but in the later years of his life his experience of the power of Christ to save to the uttermost was clear and satisfactory and his testimony was strong and definite.

In 1860 he entered the Upper Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. At the end of five years he took a transfer to the Erie conference of the same church where he spent thirteen years more in active pastoral work, eighteen in all, when he located. Later coming in contact with the oppressive measures in that church against the holiness movement, he voluntarily surrendered his credentials and withdrew from its communion, and, like Abraham, went out not knowing whither he went. Brother Falkner was a man of great simplicity of character. A man of finished education, he was always willing to sit at the feet of the lowliest to learn of Jesus. He was a preacher of no mean ability, but he would always rather listen to the humblest of God's servants than to preach himself. He was an uncompromising and fearless advocate of the doctrine and experience of perfect love. When at the age of sixty years he felt the power of ecclesiastical oppression because of his adherence to this doctrine and experience he severed the relations of a lifetime and went out to stand literally alone, feeling that he would rather be without a church home than to remain in an organization which oppressed and ostracised men and women for preaching, testifying to and enjoying full salvation. Yet he was entirely free from a spirit of "come-outism" or bitterness. About fifteen years ago he first came in contact with Free Methodism. He secured a Discipline and carefully read it and immediately resolved to cast his lot among this people. He accordingly united with the society at West Mecca, Ohio. He attended the ensuing session of the (then) Pittsburg conference, and was sent by the elder in charge of the district to supply the work at Meadville, Pennsylvania. The ensuing fall (1891) he was received into the conference and was reappointed for the three years following to Meadville. His labors here resulted in enlarging the society numerically and in the

erection of a neat church building. He was afterward appointed to Verona where he served one year, when, because of advancing age and increasing infirmity he took a superannuated relation which was continued until the time of his death. During the last years of his life he was deprived of association with our people which was to him a source of deep regret. He was a "good man." To know him was to love him. His wife, after fifty years of married life, testifies, "All that time I know he lived an earnest, devoted Christian life;" and further, "I know he lived very near to God. He was a man of prayer. I have known him to spend hours in succession in prayer for the church." His testimony during his last sickness, which was of short duration was, "Jesus is the brightness of his Father's glory. Oh, it is wonderful to have such a friend! He is with me." He was greatly beloved by his brethren in the conference; his integrity, his genuine humility and fervor endeared him to all who love truth and righteousness. We shall meet in the morning.

II.—ON REFORMS.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—We still maintain the ground that the legalized liquor traffic is the most prolific source of waste, poverty, crime and misery, and as aforetime, put ourselves on record as the avowed enemy of this villainous business. We hold that rum and righteousness are eternally antagonistic, as wide apart as heaven and hell.

The Supreme Court of the United States has decided justly that there is no inherent right in the citizen to sell intoxicating drinks, and that the traffic exists simply by the sufferance of the people; so all license laws directly contravene the Constitution and oppose the decision of the Supreme Court, which says, "No legislature can bargain away the public health and the public morals." Therefore, for the honor of the state, the safety and protection of the people, the social, financial and moral benefit of all, we declare for a constitutional enactment forever prohibiting the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation and transportation of intoxicating drinks for beverage purposes.

We hold that it is criminally wicked to attempt merely the restriction, regulation or reformation of that which is essentially and incorrigibly bad. The influence and effects of rum are the same whether in the lowest dive in the "Bowery" or in the "sanctified, benedictionized" saloon of the infamous Bishop Potter type.

We arraign the present administration at Washington as being in iniquitous partnership with this wicked pirate who is seeking to scuttle the ship of state, the end of which partnership is a few paltry millions of blood money for the replenishing of the government coffers, which is as abominable in the sight of God as was the "hire of a harlot or the price of a dog" in the Lord's treasury in the Mosaic dispensation.

We regard the attitude of the president of the United States toward this great question to be strange indeed. Not a syllable has escaped his lips in these four years in condemnation of this abominable traffic. In his letter of acceptance recently published, due consideration is given to other important questions. The currency, the trusts, the Panama canal, the tariff, reciprocity, capital and labor, etc., but this greatest of all economic, social and moral problems is treated with silent contempt. This advocate of high Christian manhood, the representative of the party of "great moral ideas" has too much political sagacity to introduce such an unpleasant question at such an inopportune time. "On to the White House" is the slogan, a second term of office being considered paramount to everything else. In view of these facts we consider it to be the imperative duty of Free Methodists to cast their ballots with the only party that stands for the abolition of this wicked business.

Further, we regard Dr. Silas C. Swallow, that fearless and uncompromising foe of rum and rotten politics, that stalwart champion of political righteousness, to be in every way worthy of our franchises for president in the coming election on November 8.

ROMANISM.—We still regard Rome as a dangerous foe to our civil and religious liberties. Never was she so firmly entrenched in the political life of the Republic as at this time. Through Jesuitical influences, every important position possible in our civil service is captured and filled by a devotee of Rome, and although the Roman Catholics constitute but about one-seventh of the population of the country, they sway a tremendous power in politics. In 1903 the Apostolic Delegation was established at Washington, D. C., with Satoli, the pope's delegate, at its head, to push the interests of the papacy. President Roosevelt, we are sorry to say, is on the most cordial terms with said apostolic delegate. This insidious foe of truth and righteousness has already robbed us of our Bible, our chief bulwark of defense, in the public schools, and in some quarters is loudly calling for a division of the school fund, hoping thereby to cripple and deplete this most useful agency for the diffusion of knowledge.

We regard with solicitude the vast influx of foreign population from the shores of southern Europe. Of the million arrivals this year, about three-fourths are Romanists of the lowest, poorest and most ignorant type, and many of them belonging to the criminal classes. These, settling in the great commercial centers, are manipulated by corrupt politicians, and so have become a mighty factor in the decision of important elections.

The rapid increase of crime is also very largely due to these semi-pagan hordes which threaten to engulf our civilization, and reduce it to the level of Austria, Italy and Spain.

If we correctly read the signs of the times, there are breakers ahead for this great Republic. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that such immigration laws shall be enacted and rigidly enforced as shall prevent this dangerous class of immigrants from coming to our shores. American freeman, awake! Your most precious liberties are assailed.

ANARCHY.—It is clear to every thinking American that lawlessness is on the increase in the land. Especially is this true in some sections in the South where the burning and lynching of negroes has become a sort of pastime to the progressive whites. Last year witnessed ninety-five lynchings in our fair land. Think of hundreds of Americans, men, women and children, standing around a stake where a black man is impaled, and gazing with fiendish delight, as they listen to the screams and groans of the wretched victim, as he burns to a crisp in their presence; and such is the state of public sentiment that the ungodly perpetrators of these monstrous crimes cannot be brought to justice. Such an act would have shocked the Fiji Islanders of fifty years ago.

Are not we progressing backward to the barbaric ages? However, contempt of law is not confined to the south, for wherever a great labor strike is inaugurated, the inalienable rights of the citizen are ruthlessly taken away and law trampled underfoot. With such orgies before us, what of our boasted civilization?

SPECULATIVE STOCKS.—We again sound the note of warning in regard to what we consider an evil of no small proportions, viz., the sale of, and investments in, speculative stocks. There is no reasonable doubt but serious financial loss will follow these investments. Many an honest, but guileless pilgrim has parted with his hard earned dollars at the solicitations of the oily-tongued vender of these worthless stocks, vainly hoping to reap rich returns in the near future. But, alas! The large dividends so confidently looked for fail to materialize, and we fear that some, at least, who find themselves shamefully duped will suffer loss in their Christian experience. While we attach less culpability to those who became agents of these stock companies when they were first organized, we now believe we have a right to regard any of our ministers with grave suspicion, who are so inconsistent as to continue in this dishonest business, after its fraudulent nature is discovered, and earnestly hope that all our brethren will give this wheel of fortune a wide berth. Catch-penny, get-rich-quick schemes are certainly out of keeping with the holy ministry of Jesus Christ.

WORLDLINESS.—We recognize the fact that worldliness in its varied forms has sapped the spiritual life of most of the evangelical churches, dancing, card-playing, theater going and extravagance in dress and living being no longer seriously regarded. Therefore, we strongly advise our people to live up to the disciplinary requirements in regard to dress, and live in simplicity and godly sincerity, "using this world, but not abusing it." Therefore we regard it as the duty of every pastor and layman to look with solicitude on every innovation that tends toward the fashionable follies of a Christless world.

SECRECY.—We consider the modern, oath-bound secret society as inimical to the interests of the people as a whole, and subversive of their inalienable rights as American citizens, giving unfair advantages to one class at the expense of another, and consequently out of harmony with the spirit of Christianity. Therefore, we continue to insist as from the date of our organization as a church, that our members stand aloof from these worldly, unholy, Christless fraternities, obeying the divine injunction, "Come out from among them and be ye separate."

SABBATH DEDECRATION.—With painful solicitude we witness the most shameful violations of the fourth commandment. Never was disregard of God's holy day as common as now. From the general government down to the peanut vender, wicked, wilful infractions of the Sunday law are practised continually. Fifty thousand newsboys in the United States break the holy quiet of God's sacred day, as they cry the Sunday papers on the streets. Following them come the claron tones of the bell of the milk wagon, the clang of the street-car and the thunder of the express and excursion trains, as they bid defiance to the mandate of the Almighty. Then, what is sadder still, public sentiment is so in harmony with these breaches of the law that it is extremely difficult to bring the transgressors to punishment. Unless the Christian people of this country bestir themselves, ere long the deplorable state of affairs which obtained in infidel France relative to the Sabbath day will be in vogue in this land of the Pilgrim Fathers.

Beloveds, let us throw the whole weight of our influence against these wicked practises, and remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

III.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

Six years ago at this place the original Pittsburg conference was divided, and the following year the Oil City conference was organized and formed into six districts. The peculiar smile of heaven has been upon us from the beginning, and we acknowledge our indebtedness to Almighty God for the continued prosperity and growth of the conference.

Notwithstanding the fact that there has been a steady increase in membership year after year, yet we notice that at some points the work is especially prosperous, while in

other places it seems to be at a standstill or retrograding. What are the causes for this condition of affairs? We believe that where a minister devotes his entire time to the work assigned, and lives a pure, consistent life, keeping in touch with the great Head of the Church, success will follow. He may not be a great preacher, perhaps, but if his heart is in the work and he is a good pastor, he will see the cause built up.

We note herewith what we believe to be some of the causes of failure:

First, some of our preachers engaging in secular pursuits to the neglect of the work of God. We think this could be largely prevented by more systematic effort by the class leaders, more diligence among the stewards, and greater liberality on the part of the pilgrims.

Another great hindrance to the work is lack of family discipline in the homes of preachers and members. We cannot understand when both parents are members of our church, how they can adorn their children in worldly attire, thus increasing pride in their hearts, and making it more difficult for them to yield to the claims of God. "The promise is unto you and to your children."

Moreover, parents should be more guarded in what is said before their children concerning our ministers and church. The preachers and their wives should be patterns to the flock of piety and simplicity.

We think much more good might be accomplished if our pilgrims did not monopolize their pastor's time so exclusively, but occasionally conducted their own services, thus allowing him to open up new places in surrounding territory where they are hungering for the truth.

We note with pleasure the progress made by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies and bid them God speed in their noble work.

We feel confident that we have sufficient preachers and workers of ability who under the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost, could make the ensuing year the best in the history of our conference. We would therefore urge our preachers and members to humble themselves anew before God and seek a special endowment from on high and equipment for service which shall bring about a sweeping revival of old time religion throughout our borders.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

Recognizing that education in its generally accepted meaning embodies the idea of leading forth the crude mentality and thus qualifying such person for his or her calling to an extent not otherwise reached, we declare unqualifiedly for a mental equipment for our ministry, to be measured at least by the standard of requirements as set forth by our general conference in the Discipline. We declare for this, not because a man of indifferent acquirements may not be useful for God, or because we fail to recognize that the might and power come from God, but because we believe God helps those who help themselves, and not in sloth but diligence, exercise both mental and physical powers, making more gloriously possible the usefulness and power of the Holy Spirit poured out upon them. There are at least four reasons that should spur our ministers at this point:

First. The superior usefulness and influence from a positive standpoint, because of such training. Let the clear-cut piety and unction of the Holy Spirit recognized among and upon us be coupled with the mental equipment of some church denominations and quite often found in our own midst, and Satan will find picket duty for slumbering demons because of threatened invasion.

Second. Because it is certainly scriptural. Men often wax warm and boisterous, their minds misled, their zeal misdirected, because of having failed to study to show themselves approved, workmen needing not to be ashamed.

Third. Because we cannot afford to be negatived by boys and girls of ordinary high school training, discounting our counsel and ministration because evidencing such educational lack.

Fourth. Because the required disciplinary education is reasonable and within the limits and capacity of 99 per cent of our young men. This is evidenced again and again in our conference by young men not only doing their quota of ministerial work, but being up in full and promptly with all studies, and even a year ahead of time in some instances, while others by lack of application and ambition loiter behind for years. To do this it may be necessary to let the girl you love most wait and pray for you for several years while you complete your high school course and three or four years at Greenville College before undertaking stated circuit work.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The American people are a literary people. Every one reads, but there is a disposition to read anything and everything that comes to hand. The newspapers are filled with the sensational and exciting, with but a moderate regard for truth.

Wendell Phillips said, "Let me make the newspapers of the country, and I care not who makes their laws." If the sentiment here expressed be true, dark and ominous is the outlook for the future of our country. There should be an improvement along this line,

but the reformation is too great to be accomplished in a day. Therefore we should do the next best thing and supply the demand for intellectual food by furnishing our people and as many others as possible with pure literature.

In order to this we have the *Free Methodist*, a sixteen page weekly which stands for the defense of truth and holiness and is a fearless and able exponent of the doctrines of our church. We would especially commend our editors for the pronounced stand taken against the liquor traffic and for national prohibition. As a conference we should hold up the hands of the editors and publishers by giving the church paper our hearty support.

The *Earnest Christian* is a most excellent holiness monthly. We recommend it as worthy of a more liberal patronage than it has heretofore received.

Every Free Methodist family in the conference should take our excellent little missionary paper, the *Missionary Tidings*.

The *Olive Branch*, printed at Chicago, is a very interesting little sheet and gives one an insight into city mission work and should be liberally patronized by the Oil City conference.

Our Sunday-school literature is par excellence. We are glad to note that nearly all our Sunday-schools are supplied entirely from our own publishing house. This is as it should be.

There is a steady increase in the number of good, instructive books sent out by our publishing house. Our ministers should endeavor to get these books and pamphlets into the homes of our people.

VI.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The great importance of the Sunday-school as an aid to the church is being realized more and more; and as a result, greater efforts are being put forth to strengthen this department.

The Sunday-school is, or ought to be the bulwark of the church, the mercy of the converts. As a factor to impress religious truth upon the minds and hearts of the youth, its value cannot be overestimated.

This is a day and age when children need to be indoctrinated in fundamental religious principles and scriptural truth. It is said "Seed sown in childhood drops into the deepest furrows." "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

The evil results of defective scriptural knowledge is apparent in those children who have not had the advantage of Sabbath-school training; the great deficiency in moral judgment on the part of the non-attendant is apparent.

When we consider the potency of the Sabbath-school as an instructor in doctrine and ethics, and the pressing need of such instruction, especially when on every hand are demoralizing and Sabbath desecrating influences, we feel the need of reform and greater activity. We urge as a means to this end:

1. A more thorough lesson preparation, and suggest the study of the "Normal Bible and Sunday-school Training Lessons" sold by our publishing house at 25 cents.
2. Better singing; putting more life into it. Suggest that we introduce our new song book, *Light and Life Songs*, as far as possible into the Sabbath-school.
3. Have a Sabbath-school board on each circuit.
4. A Sabbath-school convention in connection with our district quarterly meeting.
5. Better parental government and co-operation that will not say, "Go," but "Come," to Sunday-school. We deplore the lack of interest by parents among our members in this matter.
6. Better equipment: Library, chart, map, blackboard, etc.
7. More appreciation for clean literature which moulds character; and we would suggest that we know of none better than that published by our own church, and would recommend that it be used in all our schools.
8. Faithful effort in pushing forward the work of the Home Department of the Sunday-school.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

NEW CASTLE, MEADVILLE AND OIL CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	(Conference Claims- ants' Fund	General Superin- tendents' Claim	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socie- ties
NEW CASTLE DISTRICT																		
M. B. Miller, District Elder																		
New Castle (Arlington Ave.)	J. J. Zahniser	90	6	96	1	2	1	15	90	15	26 10	14 22	11 85	11 85	7 90	3 95		\$ 92 37
" (Dewey Ave. and Coaltown)	T. J. Barber	69	10	79	2	2	2	15	70	15	18 81	10 26	8 55	8 55	5 70	2 65		171 31
" (Hoover Heights)	A. J. Hill	56	30	86	2	1	1	7	60	12	15 51	8 46	7 05	7 05	4 70	2 35		89 25
Sharpsville, Bethel, Charleston, etc.	William Bryenton, supply	48	8	56	2	3	3	26	103	6	15 18	8 28	6 90	6 90	4 60	2 30	4 00	14 29
Ellwood City	E. W. Mitchell	15	2	17	1	1	1	6	25	3	5 61	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70	85		6 25
Brun and Argentine	Weaver	35	14	50	1	1	1	5	28	3	4 95	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	75		17 00
Grove City	Mary J. Elliott, supply									1								
MEADVILLE DISTRICT																		
M. B. Miller, District Elder																		
Meadville	F. N. Fox	28	2	30	3	1	1	9	33	9	10 89	5 94	4 95	4 95	3 30	1 65		56 90
Blooming Valley	Mry B. Fox, supply	11	2	13	3	1	1	7	28	5	3 30	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 60		10 25
Erie and McKean	H. D. Call, Margaret Call, sup.	29	4	33	3	2	2	13	40	4	7 59	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	1 15		17 09
Corry and Mill Village	G. W. Kiffer	24	6	30	1	1	1	6	27	2	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00		35 00
Centerville	C. O. Copeland	30	4	34	1	1	1	5	25	3	12 54	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	1 90		
OIL CITY DISTRICT																		
J. S. McGeary, District Elder																		
Oil City and Salem	A. T. Sager	52	5	57	5	1	1	9	54	20	16 83	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 10	2 55		109 97
Silverly, Rouseville and Plumer	W. E. Smith, Kate Smith, sup.	27	7	34	4	1	1	7	35	4	9 90	5 40	4 50	4 50	2 00	1 50	1 00	4 90
Canfield Hill and Weavers	J. M. Critchlow, A. G. Crill	83	10	93	1	1	1	9	40	20	24 75	13 00	11 25	11 25	7 80	3 75	520 00	91 20
Conestoga and Newmansville	R. A. Zahniser	39	3	42	1	3	3	13	50	12	16 50	7 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	2 50	15 96	62 98
Tionesta and Newmansville	R. H. M. Zahniser	61	7	68	1	1	1	18	100	12	22 11	12 05	10 05	10 05	6 70	3 35	40 17	40 17
Kelleysville and Mayburg and Garfield	A. H. M. Zahniser	25	3	28	2	3	3	13	75	6	8 58	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	1 30	42	21 71
Barnes and North Clarendon	R. McGarvey	27	2	29	1	1	1	3	22	68	6	13 83	6 15	6 15	4 45	2 05	10 00	
Glade Run	R. McGarvey, supply	8	3	11	1	1	1	7	30	2	9 99	5 18	4 65	4 65	3 80	1 5	5 00	
Youngsville and Davie Hill	G. A. Garrett	51	6	57	2	1	1	11	60	12	16 83	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 10	2 25		28 65
Sugar Grove and Matthews Run	G. S. Bryan	19	1	20	1	1	1	6	25	5	6 27	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	95		
Pleasantville and Enterprise	Helen Critchlow, supply	43	2	45	1	1	1	13	35	5	14 52	7 02	6 60	6 60	4 40	2 20	6 00	
Titusville	Emma M. Ellison, supply	36	1	37	2	1	1	8	30	15	9 24	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	1 40		38 73
Jamison and Diamond	R. M. Whitcomb	32	2	34	2	1	1	11	42	5	11 88	5 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	1 80		12 76
Tidioute	G. S. Mitchell, supply	23	6	29	1	1	1	7	20	4	7 26	3 95	3 30	3 30	2 20	1 10		16 25
Hickory and Whig Hill	E. L. Monroe	39	3	42	1	1	1	14	84	15	14 19	7 74	6 45	6 40	4 30	2 15	25 86	
Total		1603	263	1866	33	33	44	462	2241	353	\$ 627 56	\$ 289 72	\$ 240 30	\$ 240 30	\$ 40 40	\$ 79 60	\$ 641 74	\$ 1804 84

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Per- manent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
BRADFORD DISTRICT											
Bradford.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 2 25	\$ 760 00	\$ 116 52	\$ 20 73	1	2500	1	\$ 1850
Tuna Creek and Bolivar Run.....			15 55	1 80	412 77	51 55	15 00	1	2000	1	1000
Lewis Run and Custar City.....			52 6	1 00	347 60	56 70		1	800		500
Galeton.....	75	75	25 0	65	272 44	48 65	11 60	1	1400	1	600
Port Allegany and Portage Creek.....	75	2 25	33 2	1 90	345 09	35 76	10 50	1	1500	1	500
Rixford and Duke Centre.....				60	544 51	75 31	25 55	2	1000		
Ulysses, Elmer and Whitesville.....			21 35	1 10	201 22	48 92	60 84	1	1200	1	1200
Keech and Seven Bridges.....	4 16		10 00	1 40	265 22	29 78		2	1700	1	300
Coudersport and Mina.....	1 10	1 58	23 00	45	190 24	20 00		1	1500	1	1500
Emporium and Beechwood.....			17 00	1 70	451 00	66 40	12 34	1	1600		
John Wesley.....			16 37	75	200 00	45 00		1	2000		
Ridgway.....	1 74	4 00	27 40	1 75	680 00	82 80	35 51	1	2200	1	2000
Eldred and West Eldred.....	17		24 00	2 20	635 00	92 54	27 75	2	2300		
CLARION DISTRICT											
Kane, Lamont and Highland.....				1 45	270 00	73 49	8 00	1	1500		
Marienville and Loleta.....				1 25	36 93	41 12		2	2000		
Tylersburg and Bowmanville.....			30 13	1 50	364 96	59 35	5 00	2	1400	1	350
Shirley and Greenville.....				50	31 00	47 22	13 00	2	1500		
Kahletown and Pleasant Grove.....			9 35	60	205 00	28 00		2	1000	1	250
Hallton and Portland Mills.....			97 87	45	250 37	64 00		1	600		
DU BOIS DISTRICT											
Penfield and Mt. Pleasant.....		1 30	43 40	2 40	454 71	85 95		1	1400	1	500
Brookwayville and Mountain.....			20 00	80	210 00	31 50	2 00	2	2400	1	250
Brookville and Fall Creek.....				40	70 69	59 04		2	3000		
Philipsburg and Gearhartville.....			32 18	1 05	325 00	56 76	6 00	1	800		
Fleming and Dix Run.....	2 00	6 05	18 00	2 25	355 00	73 60		2	2500		
Buffalo Run and Forge.....				15	184 00	52 50	5 00				
Du Bois, Sabula and Lindsey.....			10 00	1 00	381 56	55 00	4 00	1	1800		
NEW CASTLE DISTRICT											
New Castle (Arlington Ave.).....			121 50	4 00	750 00	111 28	25 00	1	5000	1	2200
" " (Dewey Ave., Coaltown).....			52 04	2 85	467 96	115 87		2	3000		
" " (Hoover Heights).....				20							
Sharon.....			52 00	2 35	598 66	92 50	15 50	1	1000	1	1400
Sharpville, Bethel, Charleston, etc.....			38 81	2 30	480 00	80 37		4	5500	1	1500
Ellwood City.....	50		20 06	85	241 64	30 00		1	1400	1	700
Bruin and Argentine.....	1 00	1 00	28 00	75	350 00	46 18		1	2000	1	300
Grove City.....					190 00	3 25	52 50				
Scattering.....						68 08					
MEADVILLE DISTRICT											
Meadville.....			18 96	1 65	326 88	60 42	10 00	1	1200		
Blooming Valley.....			10 17	50	125 00	52 48					
Erie and McKean.....			25 30	1 15	233 08	44 11	22 45	1	3000		700
Corry and Mill Village.....	1 00		6 00	1 00	200 05	37 00		1	1200		
Centerville.....			10 00	1 90	64 88	46 23	5 00	2	2500		
Scattering.....						14 00					
OIL CITY DISTRICT											
Oil City and Salem.....			54 45	2 35	500 00	90 00	40 00	1	2500	1	2000
Sively, Rouseville and Plumer.....	2 30		17 76	1 50	391 65	43 10	6 00	1	1800		
Franklin.....			32 86	3 75	700 00	101 50	60 00	1	4500	1	3200
Coal Hill and Weavers.....	1 43		40 75	2 50	312 89	50 15	20 99	4	4800	1	600
Tionesta and Newmansville.....			45 00	3 35	500 00	84 14	14 00	2	2500	1	800
Kelleysville, Mayburg and Garfield.....		82	81 58	1 30	425 00	65 57	15 00	3	3300	1	900
Barnes and North Clarendon.....			48 64	2 05	287 47	60 05	6 00	2	2000		
Glade Run.....			12 51	15	31 90	12 95		1	1500		
Youngsville and Davie Hill.....	2 30		60 52	2 25	377 25	62 21	20 00	2	3000		
Sugar Grove and Matthews Run.....			12 10	95	159 88	30 00	8 0	2	1200	1	300
Pleasantville and Enterprise.....			18 00	2 20	200 22	40 00	20 78	1	4500		
Titusville.....			31 50	1 40	356 88	47 40	33 38	1	2000		
Jamison and Diamond.....			15 60	1 80	200 67	23 02	15 00	3	1300	1	1000
Tidoute.....			12 34	1 10	235 00	33 82		1	3500	1	800
Hickory and Whig Hill.....	3 00		40 95	2 15	368 47	74 01		3			
Scattering.....						44 00					
Total.....	\$26 10	\$21 75	\$ 428 67	\$79 85	17463 60	\$3035 07	\$ 643 52	78	\$ 105300	26	\$27050

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT SYRACUSE,
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 21-25, 1904

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President*.

M. H. KENDRICK, *Secretary*.

O. M. OWEN, C. J. TAFT, G. L. SKINNER, *Assistant Secretaries*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, H. W. Fish, J. A. Tholens, B. G. Strong.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—M. S. Babcock.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Reforms—F. W. Cathey, O. M. Owen, A. Smith, J. Dickinson.

On Education—W. H. Clark, H. L. Crockett, J. A. Tholens.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—E. P. Hart, W. H. Clark, H. W. Fish,
C. A. Lowell, B. G. Strong.

On Sunday-schools—W. E. Sitzler, C. H. Hudson, C. A. Balch, H. W. Fish.

On Publications—T. Whiffen, D. C. Stanton, Z. Osborne.

On State of the Work—H. W. Fish, W. H. Clark, T. C. Givens, D. C. Stanton, G. L.
Skinner, C. A. Lowell, C. F. Mercereau.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—G. L. Skinner, D. C. Stanton, O. O.
Burley, C. H. Hudson.

On Memoirs—Z. Osborne, T. Whiffen, O. N. Frink, C. H. Hudson.

Conference Treasurer, to whom all conference collections should be sent—W. H.
Clark, Saratoga Springs, New York.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

H. W. Fish, T. C. Givens, O. M. Owen, J. L. Nichols, Clark Leek.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. H. Clark, Z. Osborne, O. P. Ray, term expires 1905.

H. W. Fish, C. W. Stevens, L. L. Barrett, term expires 1906.

W. E. Sitzler, O. M. Owen, C. A. Lowell, term expires 1907.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. L. Crockett, secretary, for three years; T. Whiffen, president, for two years;
T. C. Givens, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—H. L. Crockett.

On Sunday-schools—C. H. Hudson.

On Education—C. M. Sanford.

On Publications—O. M. Owen.

On State of the Work—W. H. Clark.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this
conference?

PREACHERS

Z. Osborne,
J. D. Osmun,
W. Crossman,
J. A. Tholens,

J. B. Stacy,
L. S. King,
O. N. Frink,
T. C. Givens,

O. M. Owen,
W. H. Clark,
D. C. Stanton,
F. J. Dunham,

Levi Kelley,
A. Smith,
W. J. Riker,
O. S. Baker,

PREACHERS—Continued

F. W. Cathey,	M. H. Kendrick,	D. W. Clark.	W. E. Sitzler,
M. S. Babcock,	C. H. Hudson,	F. I. Labrum,	Perry Ball.
H. W. Fish,	H. A. Webster,	J. E. Tiffany,	G. M. Dunham,
E. N. Jenks,	C. A. Balch,	G. S. Coons,	C. J. Hessler,
O. O. Burley,	H. L. Crockett,	B. J. Austin,	G. L. Skinner,
C. M. Sanford,	F. S. Shaw,	J. H. Gramps,	S. Ghent,
J. D. Jenkins,	H. E. Barnes,	C. E. Christman,	G. D. Baker,
T. Whiffen.			

DELEGATES

C. F. Mercereau,	Kate Shaw,	C. A. Lowell.	J. A. Moore,
Edith Hunt,	Nancy Ferguson,	John Brace,	S. P. Macumber,
Della Coons,	J. L. Nichols,	Elizabeth Burns,	J. Dickinson,
Anna Snyder,	G. E. Ferrin,	E. Tripp,	B. G. Strong
C. J. Taft,	E. E. Pennock,	William Fairfield,	Sarah Stillson,
R. Cole,	L. E. Rowley,	Carrie Gray,	J. E. McDonald,
D. H. Parker,	T. S. Darling,	Helen Sitzler,	Sarepta Ives,
C. A. Leek.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, W. H. Clark, H. W. Fish, T. C. Givens, C. A. Lowell, T. S. Darling, J. Dickinson.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. D. Brink, G. B. Lane.
4. Who remain on trial? J. G. Cole, J. C. Hessler.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. E. Christman, H. E. Barnes, G. D. Baker.
6. Who are the deacons? J. D. Jenkins, C. E. Christman, H. E. Barnes, G. D. Baker.
- 7, 8. None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. D. Osmun, F. J. Dunham, E. N. Jenks, J. E. Tiffany, G. M. Dunham.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? L. S. King, Levi Kelly, D. W. Clark, W. Crossman, J. B. Stacy, Z. Osborne, O. N. Frink.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? C. M. Sanford, from the New York conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? L. Bane was allowed to withdraw under censure.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, with one exception.
15. Who have died this year? J. Olney, J. W. Sawyer, Levi Wilcox.
- 16-23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place was left with the district elders and secretary; the time, as near the second Wednesday in September, 1905, as can be arranged for.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-fourth annual session of the conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Syracuse, New York. General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided with his usual ability.

The conference collections were brought up even better than last year. Only about thirty-nine dollars deficient on all of the assessments, which was made up in full in the collection for deficiencies taken Sunday morning. Let us congratulate ourselves, and keep up the record.

Miss Clara Leffingwell was with us again, and gave a most excellent and interesting

address Sunday afternoon. An offering for the China mission was taken, amounting in cash and subscriptions to nearly \$70.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reported having raised for the year throughout the conference, \$837.09. You are doing well, sisters. Keep right on.

The needs of the Gerry Home were presented by L. D. Perkins, who took an offering for said institution amounting to about \$120 in cash and subscriptions.

The conference collections were ordered taken as follows: First quarter, Conference Missions; second quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' and Permanent Fund.

Let the preachers remember that all the collections are to be sent to the conference treasurer, W. H. Clark, Saratoga Springs, New York.

APPOINTMENTS

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT—H. L. CROCKETT, District Elder, Cortland, New York.

Binghamton and Union.....F. W. Cathey, 9 Cherry street, Binghamton, New York
Ithaca.....C. M. Sanford, 441 North Tioga street, Ithaca, " "
Cortland and Summer Hill.....T. Whiffen, Cortland, " "
Norwich, Edmeston and Pleasant Valley.....M. H. Kendrick, Norwich, " "
North Pharsalia.....To be supplied
J. D. Osmun, supernumerary, Ithaca, New York; L. S. King, superannuated, Norwich, New York, R. F. D.

CORNING DISTRICT—H. L. CROCKETT, District Elder.

Corning.....C. H. Hudson
Atlanta, Dansville and Burns.....G. D. Baker, Atlanta, New York
Lindley and Curtis.....H. D. Brink, Lindley, " "
Painter Run.....H. E. Barnes, Painter Run, Pennsylvania
West Caton, East Caton and Pettigrove.....J. D. Jenkins, R. F. D. No. 2, Corning, New York
East Italy and West Italy.....J. C. Hessler, R. F. D., Branchport, " "
Sayre, Pennsylvania.....To be supplied
Levi Kelley, superannuated, Tioga, Pennsylvania.

SYRACUSE DISTRICT—H. W. FISH, District Elder, Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

Syracuse and Pompey.....J. S. Bradbrook, supply, 707 South Montgomery street, Syracuse, New York
Fulton.....W. J. Riker, Fulton, " "
Chittenango Station and Oneida.....G. L. Skinner, Chittenango Station, " "
East Syracuse.....C. A. Balch, R. F. D., East Syracuse, " "
Weedsport and Port Byron.....J. A. Tholens, Weedsport, " "
G. M. Dunham, supernumerary, Oneida, New York; E. N. Jenks, supernumerary, Syracuse, New York; J. E. Tiffany, supernumerary, Delevan, New York; A. Smith, evangelist, Faith Tract House, 320 Midland avenue, Syracuse, New York; O. N. Frink, superannuated, 1212 South State street, Syracuse, New York; Z. Osborne, superannuated, 206 Furman street, Syracuse, New York.

CLYDE DISTRICT—H. W. FISH, District Elder.

Rose and Clyde.....F. I. Labrum, Rose, New York
Alton.....T. C. Givens, Alton, " "
East Williamson.....B. J. Austin, East Williamson, " "
Ontario.....C. E. Christman, Ontario, " "
West Webster.....Florence H. Deyle, supply, West Webster, " "
Fairport.....To be supplied
D. W. Clark, superannuated, Alton, New York; W. Crossman, superannuated, 69 Sophia street, Rochester, New York; J. B. Stacy, superannuated, Alton, New York; F. J. Dunham, supernumerary, Williamson, New York.

BLACK RIVER DISTRICT—H. W. FISH, District Elder.

Watertown and Black River.....O. O. Burley, Watertown, New York
Emeryville, Fullerville and Gouverneur.....J. A. Finch, supply, Emeryville, " "
Carthage.....To be supplied
Clayton.....To be supplied

SARATOGA DISTRICT—W. H. CLARK, District Elder, 102 White street,
Saratoga Springs, New York.

Saratoga Springs.....	O. M. Owen, 206 Regent street, Saratoga Springs, New York	
Glens Falls.....	W. E. Sitzer, Glens Falls,	" "
Corinth.....	A. B. Burdick, supply, Corinth,	" "
Bolton, Warrensburg and South Horicon.....	J. G. Cole, Bolton,	" "
Gloversville and Johnstown.....	O. S. Baker, 178 Kingsboro avenue, Gloversville,	" "
Charlottesville, Titus Hill and Jefferson.....	H. A. Webster, Charlottesville,	" "
Troy.....	To be supplied	
Barnerville.....	To be supplied	
Johnsburg.....	To be supplied	

Perry Ball, evangelist, Cambridge, New York.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—W. H. CLARK, District Elder.

Burlington, Essex and Waterville.....	C. J. Hessler, Burlington, Vermont	
St. Albans, Vermont; St. Armand Center, Quebec.....	D. C. Stanton, 223 South Main street, St. Albans,	" "
Clarenceville.....	S. Ghent, Clarenceville, Quebec	

UTICA DISTRICT—W. H. CLARK, District Elder.

Utica.....	F. S. Shaw, 35 Linwood place, Utica, New York	
Camden.....	M. S. Babcock, Camden,	" "
Rome.....	G. S. Coons, 317 West Embargo street, Rome,	" "
Herkimer and Ilion.....	J. H. Gramps, Herkimer,	" "
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite.....	G. B. Lane, Lassellsville,	" "

The quarterly conference relation of W. H. Clark was fixed on the Saratoga district; that of H. W. Fish on the Syracuse district; and that of H. L. Crockett on the Binghamton district.

LOCAL PREACHERS

*G. E. Ferrin.....	Fairport, New York	Richard Palmer.....	South Horicon, New York
S. I. Folts.....	Ilion, " "	V. M. Foskett.....	Ilion, " "
P. Van Dyke.....	Fairview avenue, Binghamton, New York.	*William Sullivan.....	7 Emerson place, Binghamton, New York.
Harvey Perkins.....	Alton, New York	George Milem.....	R. F. D., Clyde, New York
L. L. Barrett.....	North Rose, " "	*C. E. Beeman.....	Union, " "
*C. J. Taft.....	Fulton, " "	L. E. Rowley.....	Emeryville, " "
*L. M. Orcutt.....	R. F. D. No. 2, Arkport, New York.	*C. W. Stevens.....	189 Circular street, Saratoga Springs, New York.
*A. B. Burdick.....	Corinth, New York	*S. M. Wilbur.....	Gloversville, New York
Warren Hames.....	West Webster, " "	Clarence Watson.....	Rome, " "
E. B. Bedell.....	Fairport, " "	Enos Aselton.....	Swanton, Vermont
Clark Leek.....	108 West Fulton street, Johnstown, New York.	Franklin Freeborn.....	Chittenango Station, New York.
Gilbert Lester.....	R. F. D. No. 3, Carthage, New York.	O. P. Ray.....	103 Wincoski avenue, Burlington, Vermont.
Orin Fero.....	Greenville, Illinois	*E. D. F. Holden.....	St. Armand Center, Quebec

*Ordained.

EVANGELISTS

+Mrs. Rose A. Baker.....	Gloversville, New York.	+Miss Florence E. Deyle.....	West Webster, New York.
+Mrs. Laura J. Santmier.....	Sayre, Pennsylvania.	+Mrs. Janette Osmun.....	North Cayuga street, Ithaca, New York.
+Miss Mary E. Chynoweth.....	Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.	+Mrs. Asenath Sullivan.....	7 Emerson place, Binghamton, New York.
+Miss Beryl B. Bishop.....		Mary Bently.....	Broadalbin, New York
+Mrs. Thirza M. Rowley.....	Emeryville, New York.	Mrs. L. B. Bishop.....	31 Lafayette place, Burlington, Vermont.
Mrs. Ella S. Clark.....	Saratoga Springs, New York.	Mrs. Emma J. Breads.....	265 South Fourth street, Fulton, New York.
Mrs. Isabella White.....	Elendale, New York		

+Licensed by the annual conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$272.20

Paid, \$215.52; deficit, \$56.68. Total, \$272.20.

The cash on hand was disbursed as follows: D. C. Stanton, \$15; C. A. Balch, \$25; O. O. Burley, \$15; G. D. Baker, \$10; H. L. Barnes, \$15; J. D. Jenkins, \$10; C. J. Hessler, \$10; H. A. Webster, \$15. Total, \$155.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$449.13.

Claims for the coming year: Z. Osborne, \$150; O. N. Frink, \$150; L. S. King, \$150; Levi Kelly, \$150; Mrs. R. M. Snyder, \$125; W. Crossman, \$100; Mrs. A. F. Curry, \$100; J. B. Stacy, \$90; D. W. Clark, \$80; Mrs. D. Dempsey, \$75; Mrs. Phebe Newton, \$60. Total, \$1230.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$204.15.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$136.10.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$244.98.

PERMANENT FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$68.05.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—Raised and paid, \$30.77.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Raised and paid, \$25.42.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Raised and paid, \$30.37.

CHINA MISSION.—\$13.50.

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—Raised, \$32.20.

Total apportionment, raised and paid, \$1102.61.

Total of all money raised, \$1435.99

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

We are engaged in a mighty conflict. The enemy of all righteousness covers both sea and land. The prince of the power of the air, the Spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience is manifest on every side. War is on. Zion's soldiers are dropping upon the right, and upon the left.

Our fathers, where are they, and the prophets, do they live forever?

Since we last met in conference, three of our number have fallen. Brother Joseph Olney, one of the charter members of the organization of the Susquehanna conference, passed away, at the age of ninety. Much that was good and interesting might be said of this brother if time would permit.

Brother J. W. Sawyer did much good work, and departed to that country where all the good go, being in his eighty-second year.

Brother Levi Wilcox, who came in with us more recently, giving promise of great usefulness, was cut down suddenly by the hand of disease. May we all be ready when our time shall come.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

The true church has always been the friend and patron of learning. True religion and true education go hand in hand. Each is essential to the best of the other. In the first is found inspiration and direction, in the second the means and ability for execution. The broadest culture is entirely consistent with the deepest and most fervent piety; and unless learning is made reverent by religion it is likely to degenerate into mere intellectual arrogance, and may become subservient to the basest ends.

Both learning and piety are essential to the highest development and perpetuity of the nation; the first to devise and the second to direct national policies. Therefore while the general system of education should be unsectarian, it should also be distinctly religious. Though insincere, the charge of Roman Catholicism against the present school system is not wholly without ground. Any system of culture which provides only for intellectual training, and ignores the culture of the moral sensibilities and faculties is at best accomplishing but the smaller half of its mission, and must utterly fail of the most desirable results.

While we insist that church and state must be separate, we also believe that every department of national machinery and policy should be governed by the highest principles of moral integrity, which alone can prevent iniquity in policy, and ruin in results.

It is a fact equally saddening and alarming, that much of our boasted national education is becoming positively irreligious; and that many of the higher institutions of learning are centers of unbelief and immorality, making a course in such institutions a serious hazard to both faith and morals. In many such institutions, even among those termed theological, a general and potent atmosphere of doubt concerning revelation prevails, and instead of being trained in intelligent, discriminating faith, students are being instructed in a critical unbelief which turns them out at the end of the prescribed years atheistic in sentiment and irreligious in practise.

The demand for schools where both heart and head are simultaneously trained, and where the atmosphere is salutary instead of seductive is increasing. As a church we are

recognizing the call and opportunity, and are nobly responding to the same with encouraging results. We may humbly congratulate ourselves on the work already accomplished in the brief period of our denominational history; but should regard it as an inspiration rather than occasion of contentment.

We appreciate thankfully the earnest and unselfish efforts of the educated and consecrated men and women among us who have labored faithfully in establishing these institutions, and in bringing them to their present efficient development. We are grateful for what they have been inspired to attempt, and enabled to accomplish. We trust that the sphere may enlarge and the results increase, and that we may be enabled to steadily give to the world, men and women both cultured and pious, capable of filling any position high or humble to which they may be called. We regard our denominational schools as worthy of patronage and support by our own people and others; and within all just limits will endeavor to enlarge their bounds and increase their success.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

As a church we have one main issue, HOLINESS. We profess to be a holiness church; we trust the Lord will help us to so exemplify it in our lives and teachings that the world will be compelled to believe that we mean what we say. But holiness is not a weak, sickly, heartless sentimentalism.

Holiness is unyieldingly opposed to evil. That profession of holiness which will sanction or allow unrebuked wrong, is a false profession. Hence the position taken by the church on moral reforms.

The church above all other organizations should be right on all moral questions, both in church and state.

DRESS.—There is no question as to the right in the position taken on this question by the church. Every Free Methodist is asked, "Will you forever lay aside all superfluous ornaments?" Then it particularizes and says, "not with brodered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." We are glad to note that as a church and as a conference we are holding so closely to the line of plainness. Yet is there not danger of our becoming liberal and drifting? Free Methodists would not think of wearing upon their hats feathers, or flowers; but all feathers are not wing feathers or plumes. That we may keep to the line of plainness, let our preachers all be faithful in preaching against worldly and needless adornment, and let their wives and children be examples to all that believe.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—We are glad to note that our church has taken no backward step in her attitude toward secret societies. We believe the secret lodge system is wrong, undermining the foundation of the church and the government; that its oaths are not only extrajudicial, but many of them are wicked and blasphemous. We believe they should be prohibited by law. This is no time to lay down our weapons of warfare against the secret lodge. The world and the churches are honeycombed with unions and other secret lodges. Let all our preachers plainly and intelligently preach against the lodge.

THE SABBATH.—It would seem in many places that the church as well as the world had forgotten that the Bible has said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The fruit stands, the soda fountains, the milk wagons, the railroads, the pleasure resorts, and many other places and things too numerous to mention are patronized, until the sacredness of the Sabbath is destroyed.

ROMANISM.—We deeply deplore the encroachments of Romanism. The renewed assaults on the public school system and continued and persistent efforts to unite church and state. While Roman Catholic societies are getting tired of the fruits of this politico-ecclesiastical body and expelling their orders, the United States is opening wide its gates for their reception. We are sorry the present administration is so favorable to Rome, and because of this the Roman Catholic vote will be given largely to Mr. Roosevelt in the coming election.

We regret that the Prohibition platform has not incorporated in it a plank against the union of church and state.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—Nothing but evil can be said of the traffic in intoxicating beverages. If one should spend a term of years in hell and graduate from the college of perdition, yet language and imagery would fail in describing the awful degradation, misery and woe. From 250,000 places, streams of death and misery pour forth through the country. From 35,000 places in this state alone, men from the statesman to the gutter drunkard, and women as well, stagger under the influence of strong drink. Then there is the social party with its wine and cocktails, for women and girls as well as for men and boys. Arise, O watchmen and stand upon thy feet; look to the east and west, to the north and south; behold the misery and woe, the destitution and destruction; the crimes too black to describe. Hear the weeping and the wailing from the wronged womanhood, the broken-hearted wives and mothers, and the ragged and homeless children, and lift up thy voice like a trumpet against this monster and all who in any way sanction it. Arise, O man, gird thyself with courage and strength, and in the name of God, of the church, of the nation and of the home, vote for the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT											
Binghamton and Union.....	\$ 3 00		\$ 36 98	\$ 2 65	\$ 688 13	\$ 73 20	\$ 48 56	2	4300	1	\$ 3500
Ithaca.....			3 24	1 30	595 00	37 67	61 00	1	2000	1	3000
Cortland and Summer Hill.....	\$ 6 00	1 40	65 74	3 05	658 55	73 22	60 82	2	3400	1	1200
Norwich.....		2 00	45 00	2 35	565 00	55 00		1	1500	1	1200
North Pharsalia.....			9 00								
Edmeston and Pleasant Valley.....											
CORNING DISTRICT											
Corning.....	3 38	1 58	65 88	1 60	500 00	38 48	7 00	1	2000	1	2500
Atlanta.....			8 81	75	431 50	27 37		1	2000		
Lindley and Curtis.....			9 87	1 45	253 26	38 61		2	2500	1	1000
Painter Run and Tioga, Pa.....			12 00		287 00	29 59	14 00	1	800	1	800
West Caton, East Caton, Pettigrove, Italy and West Italy.....	2 00	1 00	11 20		276 15	37 11		1	1000	1	1000
Sayre, Pennsylvania.....			20 00	1 50	265 00	39 90		2	1800		
Burns.....				32							
SYRACUSE DISTRICT											
Syracuse and Pompey.....		1 40	72 81	1 70	452 54	53 25		2	4300		
Fulton.....	1 00	1 00	35 61	2 10	486 03	46 00		1	1000	1	1200
Chittenango and Oneida.....			15 00	1 25	460 00	30 00		2	3000	1	700
East Syracuse.....		60	18 20	1 00	325 00	23 63	1 70	1	1000	1	800
Weedsport and Port Byron.....	2 05	1 56	20 79	1 70	454 18	37 03	18 22	2	2300		
Oswego.....		27		45		10 62					
Auburn.....											
BLAKE RIVER DISTRICT											
Watertown and Black River.....			12 00	1 20	264 76	34 41		2	3000	1	1000
Emeryville, Fullerville, Gouverneur, Carthage.....			14 15	80	199 01	29 98		1	200		
Clayton.....											
UTICA DISTRICT											
Utica.....			15 25	2 50	535 87	55 92		1	10000	1	3000
Camden.....	1 10	1 25	44 08	2 20	528 79	42 84	3 50	1	3000	1	2000
Rome.....			38 80	2 10	600 73	62 43	20 00	1	4000	1	4000
Herkimer and Ilion.....			40 55	1 90	550 00	40 96	10 00	2	4000	1	2000
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite.....			10 78		85 80	20 35		2	800	1	125
SARATOGA DISTRICT											
Saratoga Springs.....		2 57	41 29	3 70	630 00	91 96	84 78	1	7200	1	2000
Glens Falls.....			18 82		425 00	51 25		1	1500	1	2000
Corinth.....			7 00	80	208 15			1	1500		
Boiton, Warrensburg, So. Horicon, Johnsburg.....				1 50	351 18	28 81	3 10	1	1000	1	800
Gloversville and Johnstown.....		2 00	25 67	1 30	551 69	32 80	23 48				
Charlottesville, Jefferson, etc.....			50		149 17	29 62		3	3000		
Troy and Bath.....											
Barnerville.....											
BURLINGTON DISTRICT											
Burlington, Essex and Waterville.....	50	50	22 68	1 50	467 80	53 80					
St. Armand Centre, Prov. of Quebec.....			65		38 71						
St. Albans, Vermont.....			3 92	25	515 00	24 40					
Clarenceville, Province of Quebec.....		1 25	9 77		304 79	23 72		1	1200		
CLYDE DISTRICT											
Rose and Clyde.....		1 35	21 89	2 35	450 00	3 70	8 50	2	2000	1	1000
Alton.....	1 00	1 25	46 17	3 60	611 46	7 30		1	3000	1	800
East Williamson.....	3 09	2 00	16 66		407 00			1	2500	1	1000
Ontario.....		2 20	14 52	1 20	300 00	8 00		1	1000	1	600
West Webster.....	1 03	3 00	16 61	1 10	255 58	7 17		1	600	1	1000
Fairport.....				02		4 00		1	1000		
Total.....	\$21 52	\$31 95	\$ 870 74	\$52 24	15099 12	\$1342 81	\$ 364 66	47	\$ 83400	25	\$38225

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

UTICA, SARATOGA, BURLINGTON AND CLYDE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	
UTICA DISTRICT																		
Utica.....	W. H. Clark, District Elder																	
Canden.....	F. S. Shaw.....	40	5	45	1	1	3	45	7	16 50	9 00	10 00	7 50			\$ 2 30	24 69	
Rome.....	T. Wiffen.....	39	6	45	1	1	13	73	5	14 52	7 92	8 80	6 60	4 40			49 39	
Herkimer and Ilion.....	G. S. Coons.....	52	2	54	1	1	12	50	3	13 86	7 66	8 40	6 30	4 20			30 53	
Scotch Bush and Middle Spruce.....	O. S. Baker.....	49	5	54	2	2	9	40	3	12 54	6 84	7 60	5 70	2 10			55 00	
	Supplied.....	25	1	26		2	10	80	1	11 55	6 30		5 25					
SARATOGA DISTRICT																		
Saratoga Springs.....	W. H. Clark, District Elder																	
Glens Falls.....	O. M. Owen.....	69	7	76	1	1	7	25	13	24 42	13 82	14 80	11 10	7 40			12 88	
Corinth.....	W. E. Sitzler.....	48	10	58	1	1	7	50	4	15 18	8 28	3 00	6 90	4 60			1 20	
Bolton, Warrensburg and So. Horicon.....	A. E. Bardick, supply.....	15	2	17	1	1	7	50	3	5 28	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60				
Joinsburg.....	J. G. Cole.....	29	1	30	2	2	8	60	3	6 50	5 40	4 00	4 50	3 00				
Gloversville and Johnstown.....	Supplied.....	9		9						4 29	1 81							
Charlotteville, Jefferson and Titus Hill.....	M. S. Babcock.....	29	2	31	1	2	14	79	6	8 88	4 68	5 20	3 90	2 60			27 00	
Troy and Bath.....	O. O. Burley.....	22	6	28					2	7 92	4 32	2 00	2 65	1 00		2 50		
Barnerville.....	Supplied.....	7	1	8														
BURLINGTON DISTRICT																		
Burlington, Essex and Waterville.....	W. H. Clark, District Elder																	
St. Armand Centre, Prov. of Quebec.....	C. J. Hessler.....	29	4	33	1	2	10	40	10	9 90	5 40	6 00	4 50	3 00			46 80	
St. Albans, Vermont.....	Supplied.....	13	1	14	1	2	6	22	2	4 20	2 34	2 40	1 95	1 30				
Clarenceville, Province of Quebec.....	D. C. Stanton.....	8	1	9	1	1	4	10	3	1 65	90	1 00	75	50				
	S. Ghent.....	29	9	38	1	1	5	60	4	7 92	4 32	4 80	3 60	2 40				
CLYDE DISTRICT																		
Rose and Clyde.....	T. C. Givens, District Elder																	
Alton.....	F. I. Labrum.....	45	2	47	1	1	9	28	11	15 41	8 46	9 40	7 05	4 70			55 57	
East Williamson.....	T. C. Givens.....	69	7	76	1	1	12	137	9	23 76	12 96	14 40	10 80	7 20		47 65	18 70	
Ontario.....	Supplied.....	39	4	43	1	1	10	50	15	13 50	7 20	8 00	4 20	4 00			14 00	
West Webster.....	C. E. Christman.....	25	3	28	1	1	7	60	4	7 92	4 32	4 80	3 60	2 40			11 00	
Fairport.....	Florence E. Deyle, supply.....	18	1	19	1	1	6	36	2	6 61	3 96	4 40	3 30	2 20		1 00	9 30	
	Supplied.....	7	7	14	2	2			1	2 31	1 25	1 40	1 05					
Total.....		1398	137	1535	22	11	46	308	1720	114	\$ 435 12	\$ 238 28	\$ 240 70	\$ 190 39	\$ 103 63	\$ 85	\$ 357 72	\$ 622 38

SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT FAULK-
TON, SOUTH DAKOTA, OCTOBER 5-9, 1904.

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

H. L. TORSEY, *Secretary.*

J. WHITESIDE, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. N. VENNARD, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—H. L. Torsey, T. Donoghue, George Seacord.

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, H. L. Torsey, T. Donoghue, W. N. Vennard.

On Publications—A. Harden, G. W. Austin, Phebe F. Smith.

On Education—W. F. Harding, George Seacord, W. D. McMullen.

On Sabbath-schools—J. Whiteside, J. S. Olmstead, F. W. Drown.

On Reforms—W. N. Vennard, George Seacord, J. Whiteside.

On State of the Work—H. L. Torsey, T. Donoghue, J. C. Keen, Charles Crane.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. F. Harding, Phebe F. Smith.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. D. McMullen.

On Resolutions—O. A. Harpel, Albert Jacobson.

To Visit Wessington Springs Seminary—W. F. Harding, F. W. Drown.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. D. McMullen, president; H. L. Torsey, secretary; J. Whiteside, J. C. Keen,
William Kennedy.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—T. Donoghue.

On Sabbath-schools—A. Harden.

On Reforms—W. F. Harding.

On Education—H. L. Torsey.

On State of the Work—H. L. Torsey, J. Whiteside.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

O. A. Harpel, for five years; J. Whiteside, for four years; H. L. Torsey, for three
years; T. Donoghue, for two years; W. F. Harding, for one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS SEMINARY

H. L. Torsey, president; D. W. Cook, secretary; R. S. Vessey, treasurer; O. A.
Harpel, R. Dixon, T. Donoghue, J. H. Wilson, B. Y. Neal, O. E. McCracken.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Mary D. Anderson, Mitchell, South Dakota; vice-presidents, Mrs.
Clara P. Harpel, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Mrs. Lina V. Scoff, Sedgwick,
South Dakota; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Esther D. Harden, Hartford,
South Dakota; recording secretary, Mrs. Fannie M. McMullen, Vienna, South
Dakota; treasurer, Mrs. Alta S. Waller, Waubay, South Dakota.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, General

Superintendents'; third quarter, Conference Claimants'; fourth quarter, Permanent Fund and Conference Missions. It was ordered that the pastors take a collection for the American Bible Society and send it to the conference treasurer, W. N. Vennard, to forward to the society. All the other collections of conference funds are to be sent to the conference treasurer also.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. B. Freeland,	D. W. Cook,	H. L. Torsey,	O. A. Harpel,
T. Donoghue,	W. F. Harding,	S. B. Shaw,	J. Whiteside,
W. D. McMullen,	W. N. Vennard,	F. W. Drown,	G. W. Austin,
A. P. Matson,	A. Harden,	R. Earl.	

DELEGATES

George Seacord,	Charles Crane,	Albert Jacobson,	Mrs. P. F. Smith,
J. S. Olmstead,	Clarinda Hamilton,	Otis Sweeney,	J. C. Keen,
L. A. Estabrook,	J. R. Williams,	G. S. Davis,	Floyd Poole,
J. M. Scandrett,	Augusta Jensen.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellw, T. Donoghue, H. L. Torsey, J. C. Keen, Charles Crane.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? A. M. Anderson.

4. Who remain on trial? B. Gaddis.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? G. W. Austin, A. P. Matson, W. N. Vennard, F. W. Drown, A. Harden.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. D. Sprouse, who had been elected to elder's orders by the Missouri conference.

8. Who have located this year? J. S. Fear.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? R. Earl. J. B. Freeland.

11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. B. Freeland, to Southern California conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. B. Freeland, \$60.

23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The district elders were made a committee to decide on the place; the time to be as near the first Wednesday in October, 1905, as will suit the plan of the general superintendent who is to preside.

MISCELLANEOUS

The South Dakota conference convened in its twenty-second annual session at Faulkton, South Dakota.

The pastor and society of the Methodist Episcopal church of the town very kindly tendered the use of their church for the sittings of the conference and the religious services all of which were held there except on Thursday evening.

Although this was the last of the series of conferences for the year for General Superintendent W. A. Sellew, his ministrations were given with an energy and unction accompanied with a grace and ability that inspired and encouraged those who were present. The sacrament was administered at the first sitting. The service was endorsed by the Spirit and made a time of blessing.

Five sittings of conference were held in which a spirit of harmony prevailed, and in the religious services several sought and obtained either pardon or purity.

The Rev. Clyde R. Ebey, of the Southern California conference represented the publishing house interests at the conference and preached Thursday evening.

The Rev. E. Ballenger, of the Nebraska conference and financial agent of Wessington Springs Seminary, rendered efficient aid in the religious services and in connection with the presentation of the report of the committee on education, a service in the interests of the school was held and cash and subscriptions secured to the amount of \$1148.60.

The Rev. Cyrus Cook, a superannuated member of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference, was invited to a honorary seat in the conference and preached once.

A. D. Sprouse, a student at Wessington Springs Seminary, had been elected to elder's orders by the Missouri conference, and received ordination Sabbath afternoon.

It was ordered that a collection be taken during the first quarter on each circuit for the purpose of creating a fund to assist in maintaining evangelistic work in the conference, the same to be forwarded to the conference treasurer and equally divided between the district elders to be used at their discretion for the above-named purpose.

It was voted to request the pastors to preach once on the Bible in relation to missions and take a collection for the American Bible Society, sending it to the conference treasurer, who will forward the money to the society.

The names and addresses of the officers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, who were elected at its annual meeting, appear elsewhere in these minutes. They held a very profitable service Sabbath afternoon, General Superintendent W. A. Sellew and his wife both delivering addresses. An offering of \$33.40 in cash and subscriptions was taken. The financial report of the society for the year is as follows: For Foreign Missions, \$169.47; Orphans' Fund, \$79.03; Miss Nellie Reed, \$37.21; Delegates' Expenses, 25 cents. Total, \$285.96.

APPOINTMENTS

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT—H. L. TORSEY, District Elder, 612 Fourth avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Sioux Falls.....	O. A. Harpel, 604 Fourth avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Wall Lake and Hartford.....	S. B. Shaw, Hartford, " "
Beresford and Canton.....	B. Gaddis, Densie Gaddis, supply, Beresford, " "
Mt. Pleasant and Lake county.....	A. Harden, R. F. D., Hartford, " "
Boyden, Rock Rapids and Parker.....	H. P. John Allen, Mrs. Allen, supplies, Boyden, Iowa

E. R. Polhemus, discontinued member on Mt. Pleasant circuit.

NORTH DISTRICT—H. L. TORSEY, District Elder.

Vienna and Watertown.....	W. D. McMullen, Vienna, South Dakota
Waubay.....	D. B. Waller, supply, Waubay, " "
Clark.....	To be supplied
Berton and Farnsworth.....	A. P. Matson

J. S. Fear, granted a certificate of location, member on Waubay circuit.

MITCHELL DISTRICT—J. WHITESIDE, District Elder, Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

Mitchell and Parkston... A. M. Anderson, Mary Anderson, supply, Mitchell, South Dakota
 Olivet..... W. F. Harding, Olivet, " "
 Charles Mix county..... To be supplied

WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT—J. WHITESIDE, District Elder.

Wessington Springs..... T. Donoghue, Wessington Springs, South Dakota
 Forestburg and Letcher F. W. Drown
 Alpena Sarah Drown, supply
 Hand county..... E. B. Paddock, supply, Wessington Springs, " "
 Huron..... To be supplied
 Gann Valley..... James P. Jensen, Augusta Jensen, supplies, Bates, " "

J. B. Freeland, superannuated, and granted a certificate of standing to Southern California conference; S. E. Cooper, joined the Central Illinois conference; D. W. Cook, left without appointment; W. N. Coffee, transferred to Oregon conference.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT—J. WHITESIDE, District Elder.

Faulkton, Burkmere, Liberty and Northville.... W. N. Vennard, Faulkton, South Dakota
 Campbell county..... To be supplied
 Ellsville and Hyde county..... To be supplied
 Potter and Sully counties..... L. A. Ball, supply, Lebanon, " "
 R. Earl, superannuated; G. W. Austin, evangelist.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$80.28.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$66.90.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$147.88.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Assessed, \$66.90.

Paid, \$56.56; deficit, \$10.34. Total, \$66.90.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$44.60.

PERMANENT FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$22.30.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—\$18.80.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—\$12.25.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$5.47.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$5.56.

Total amount raised for all purposes, \$683.80.

Received from sale of Hull church, \$223.90, October 2, 1903, and paid out the same, by order of conference, the 23rd of July, 1904, to William Kennedy, treasurer of the building committee of the district elder's parsonage at Wessington Springs.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

With devout thankfulness we would express our gratitude to Almighty God in recognition of his mercies during another conference year.

While death has been abroad in the land, and we have noted with sorrow that many able ministers and laymen have been removed from other conferences by its hand, we have been spared from sustaining such loss.

God has been pleased to endorse the efforts which have been put forth for the salvation of souls and some have been converted and some sanctified wholly.

There have been held four district camp-meetings; tent meetings at different points, and revival services with good results in the advancement of the work of God.

A parsonage for the district elder has been built at Wessington Springs for which \$700 has been raised and an indebtedness still remains of \$250.

There is a debt on the church property at Mitchell of \$270; and on the two parsonages at Sioux Falls, \$215 now remains to be paid. We trust these amounts may soon be provided for and all the church property of the conference be free from indebtedness.

A new church has been erected at Vienna which will soon be ready to dedicate. It is very substantially built, is neat and commodious and will supply a need which has been pressing there.

We believe the future welfare and progress of the work in our conference can be pro-

moted by securing one or more Spirit-baptized evangelists, who with competent assistants can open up work in territory as yet unoccupied, and also labor with the pastors to revive and strengthen circuits already established; and we recommend that conference take such action as may be necessary to obtain such laborers and make provision for financial assistance in maintaining them while they are engaged in this work.

We feel encouraged in knowing that we have, in the ministry and laity, as a conference, many excellent, spiritually minded people, but we acknowledge an existing demand for a deeper and more practical consecration and devotion to God. We need the blessing of God that will make our public services a power and an inspiration and that as well which will cause us to live holily and justly and unblameably in the home, in social life and in our business occupations.

We must be deeply spiritual as a people, we must be more aggressive, we must be in earnest and keep on our guard against settling down into formality and becoming like the nations around us. God requires much at our hands and by his grace we can measure up to his demands if we will.

III.—ON REFORMS.

The Free Methodist church is not a reform association, an organization whose object is to bring about certain moral and social reforms. Its mission is to get men saved from sin and sanctified to God. Nevertheless there are certain moral issues that in the interest of righteousness we cannot ignore and we would not shrink from taking our stand unequivocally on the side of truth, purity and moral righteousness.

SECRETISM.—We heartily indorse the position of our church in regard to secret societies believing them to be purely selfish institutions. Their spirit is utterly inconsistent with the spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ and subversive, not only of exact justice between man and man, but also of the principles of free government.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—Human language is entirely inadequate and utterly fails to express the evils—the horrors of the liquor traffic. It is useless or of little avail to employ our efforts in denouncing these evils. What is more necessary is earnest, persistent, well-determined effort for their destruction. We know of no weapon that can be so effective in the destruction of the traffic and its attendant evils as the ballot; and we believe the time has now come when every Christian voter should cast his ballot for that political party which declares its deadly and unalterable opposition to the drink traffic, namely, the Prohibition party.

THE SABBATH.—God's holy day. God says: "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth." Are not many of us too lax in the observance of this sacred day? We urge upon our people the necessity of carefully observing the injunction of God's word in regard to the Sabbath, not only in some things but in all.

THE DRESS QUESTION.—There is grave danger to the church of the spirit of worldliness in dress and adornment making inroads upon us. This is no time for indifference or indulgence with respect to the dress question. The love of display is one of the natural tendencies of the carnal nature which can be eradicated by the blood of Jesus Christ. Even after we have been cleansed from carnality it is necessary to watch against the temptations to worldliness, which some having failed to do have fallen into the snare of the devil and have become the slaves of pride and love of display. Let us beware of the "Little foxes that spoil the vines." On the other hand let us beware of slovenliness. The professing Christian who is untidy in person and dress destroys in a very large degree the influence which he should exert in the world and brings reproach upon the cause he professes to love. The Christian should be clean inside and out. Jesus said, "Make clean the inside of the cup and platter" and let the outside be clean also.

HOME GOVERNMENT.—The home is the corner-stone of the nation. There can be no truly patriotic citizenship in a nation that is devoid of home government. There can be no true manhood without a proper regard for legal authority and the boy or the girl who is allowed to grow up without obedience to parental authority will not, as a rule, reverence either the law of the state or of God. The neglect of parental control and discipline in the home is a growing evil among us and one that threatens the future welfare of the church. God will hold us individually responsible for the control and training of our children. He said of Abraham, "I know him that he will command his children after him and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

SIoux FALLS, NORTH, WESSINGTON SPRINGS, MITCHELL AND NORTHWEST DISTRICTS

SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim- ants' Fund	General Superin- tendents' Claim	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Misson- ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socie- ties
SIoux FALLS DISTRICT	H. L. Torsey, District Elder																
	J. Whiteside	36	5	41	1	1	8	70	10	10 23	5 53	4 65	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	\$ 13 50
	Beresford and Canton	31	2	33	2	1	6	90	12	6 50	4 14	3 45	3 45	4 17	.....	1 75	8 50
	Wall Lake and Hartford	18	2	20	1	1	7	31	6	7 60	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	10 00	4 00
	Mt. Pleasant and Lake county	23	.....	23	1	1	2	10	40	8 25	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	5 00	4 00
	Parker	9	.....	9	1	.....	.....	.....	3	3 00	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
NORTH DISTRICT	Boyd and Rock Rapids	9	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3 63	1 98	1 11	1 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
	H. L. Torsey, District Elder																
	Vienna	38	1	39	2	1	6	25	7	12 21	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	.....	.....	10 11
	Waubay	31	.....	31	2	3	10	40	12	9 80	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....
	Barton and Farnsworth	10	2	12	1	1	2	6	2	3 63	1 98	1 15	1 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Clark	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3 86	2 16	.....	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....
WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT	T. Donoghue, District Elder																
	George Seacord, supply	50	8	58	2	1	10	60	7	18 15	9 80	5 95	8 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
	H. P. John Allen, supply	27	.....	27	1	1	4	20	6	4 80	5 87	2 80	4 95	.....	.....	7 00	1 72
	J. F. Jensen, supply	8	.....	8	1	1	.....	.....	2	2 64	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	.....	.....	.....
	T. Donoghue, District Elder																
	Mitchell	11	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4 29	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	.....	4 68	.....
MITCHELL DISTRICT	Parkston and Cleardale	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2 31	1 25	1 05	1 05	.....	.....	.....	3 00
	Oliver	25	5	30	3	1	7	40	8	8 25	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	2 03	11 00
	Charles Mix county	11	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	3 63	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	.....	2 12	3 00
	T. Donoghue, District Elder																
	W. N. Vennard, Belle Ven- nard, supply	55	12	67	2	3	15	60	16	17 49	9 54	7 95	7 95	5 30	.....	.....	80 00
	Campbell county	7	2	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1 65	90	75	75	50	.....	.....	.....
NORTHWEST DISTRICT	Ellisville and Hyde county	11	.....	11	1	2	1	3	20	2	1 88	1 65	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
	Potter county	15	1	17	2	.....	.....	.....	4	6 08	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	5 60	.....
	L. A. Ball, supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	T. Donoghue, District Elder																
	W. N. Vennard, Belle Ven- nard, supply	55	12	67	2	3	15	60	16	17 49	9 54	7 95	7 95	5 30	.....	.....	80 00
	Campbell county	7	2	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1 65	90	75	75	50	.....	.....	.....
Total		438	43	481	18	18	91	452	128	141 92	80 56	57 91	57 20	\$ 34 47	.....	\$ 38 18	\$137 83

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT						*\$ 30 00					
Sioux Falls.....	\$ 3 56		\$ 17 11	\$ 1 55	\$ 373 16	51 61	\$ 71 17	1	\$ 1000	2	\$ 1800
Beresford and Canton.....			22 65	1 15	395 21	46 40	28 70	1	2000	1	800
Wall Lake and Hartford.....			11 66	1 00	330 25	45 00		1	1200	1	1000
Mt. Pleasant and Lake county.....			18 07	1 25	300 50	49 59	21 00			1	500
Parker.....				55		23 82				1	500
Boyden and Rock Rapids.....						23 20		1	1200	1	800
NORTH DISTRICT											
Vienna.....			13 66	1 85	435 27	51 42	16 25	1	1700	1	800
Waubay.....	2 00	\$ 2 62	23 76	1 50	245 00	50 04					
Berton and Farnsworth.....			4 20	55		54 26					
Clark.....						18 78					
WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT						*30 00					
Wessington Springs.....					450 00	50 75	50 00			1	1200
Forestburg, Letcher and Alpena.....				36	348 57	37 87					
Hand county.....				40	28 04	61 34					
MITCHELL DISTRICT											
Mitchell.....				65	190 00	39 45		1	1500	1	800
Parkston and Cleardale.....				35		50 50					
Olivet.....		2 85	19 17	1 25	304 00	44 01	42 00	2	1100	1	400
Charles Mix county.....				55		28 40					
NORTHWEST DISTRICT											
Faulkton, Burkmere, Liberty, etc.....			28 00	2 65	496 00	48 94	54 00	1	1000	1	80
Campbell county.....				25		19 15					
Ellisville and Hyde county.....				55	17 95	25 90	7 76				
Potter county.....					183 52	35 84					
Total.....	\$ 5 56	\$ 5 47	\$ 158 28	\$ 17 01	\$ 4097 47	\$ 856 27	\$ 290 88	9	\$ 10700	12	\$ 940

Raised for tracts: Sioux Falls, 81 cents; Mt. Pleasant and Lake county, 75 cents; Vienna, 75 cents.

Raised for American Bible Society: Waubay, \$3.00; Faulkton, Burkmere, Liberty, Northville, \$4.25

*From General Missionary Board.

PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT PITTSBURG
(MOUNT WASHINGTON), PENNSYLVANIA, OCTOBER 5-9, 1904.

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President*.

J. F. SILVER, *Secretary*.

H. A. BALDWIN, *Assistant Secretary*.

J. N. GRACE, *Assistant Secretary*.

J. P. FOY, *Statistical Secretary*.

J. B. EASTON, *Treasurer*.

J. F. SILVER, *Railroad Secretary*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, A. D. Zahniser, F. E. Glass, B. G. Henderson.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. H. Whiteman.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On Sabbath-schools—B. Hosbach, H. L. Speer, S. L. Smith, Isaac Wakefield.

On Reforms—A. Lenkerd, T. R. Wayne, T. C. Singleton.

On Publications—H. A. Baldwin, W. G. Long, J. Barnhart.

On Education—A. D. Zahniser, J. H. Whiteman, O. Gornall, J. C. King.

On Memoirs—J. F. Silver, E. E. Shelhamer, A. D. Zahniser.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—J. B. Easton, L. C. Andre, Fred Retzer, J. W. Howard.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—E. P. Hart, A. D. Zahniser, J. F. Silver, J. H. Kepple, S. L. Smith.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Whiteman, for three years; A. Wilson, O. Gornall, for two years; J. F. Silver, L. C. Andre, for one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. D. Zahniser, J. Barnhart, C. W. Stamp, M. Flocker, T. A. Cunningham.

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A. D. Zahniser, president; J. H. Kepple, secretary; J. F. Silver, treasurer; J. Barnhart, B. G. Henderson.

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A. D. Zahniser, J. B. Easton, J. Barnhart, F. E. Glass, A. Lenkerd, E. W. Lieben-dorfer, G. B. Lambert, H. H. Baxter, T. A. Cunningham, T. H. Bailey.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—J. B. Easton.

On Reforms—O. Gornall.

On Publications—A. D. Zahniser.

On Education—C. L. Wright.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim, and Permanent Endowment Fund; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions and Evangelists' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Maretta Barnhart, president, 45 Ruth street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Edith M. Lenkerd, recording secretary, 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania; Mrs. J. B. Easton, corresponding secretary, Butler, Pennsylvania; Mrs. H. L. Speer, treasurer, Mars, Pennsylvania.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. Barnhart,	R. H. Bentley,	W. A. Sellev,	A. D. Zahniser,
T. R. Wayne,	E. E. Shelhamer,	J. B. Easton,	H. A. Baldwin,
L. C. Andre,	A. F. Foust,	J. F. Silver,	M. L. Speer,
A. Wilson,	W. G. Long,	A. Lenkerd,	W. W. Spiker,
J. W. Howard,	C. W. Stamp,	B. Hosbach,	D. G. Shirer,
C. F. Johnston,	J. H. Whiteman,	J. P. Foy,	F. W. Boettner,
G. C. Wadding,	R. N. Large,	G. L. Coughron,	O. Gornall,
C. H. Miller,	C. L. Wright,	J. W. McIntosh,	

DELEGATES

Isaac Wakefield,	V. S. Hobaugh,	T. H. Bailey,	T. C. Singleton,
W. I. Scott,	Fred Retzer,	Margaret Mason,	J. W. VanGilder,
Jacob Long,	Samuel L. Smith,	Robert Kelley,	Arlie Tichenor,
Charles Nixon,	J. C. Rose,	Olive VanGilder,	Jemima Johnson,
Nancy Riley,	George Whetsell,	George Sincely,	Dora Budden,
Clara B. Dawson,	George Ruth,	Mrs. M. A. Baxter,	William Mackall,
B. G. Henderson,	Charles Fenchel,	W. B. Harris,	J. H. Kepple,
S. P. Kunkle,	Anna Weaver,	Harvey Gould,	J. C. King,
J. P. Braddee,	J. D. Dripps,	S. H. Jackson,	Christina Delbridge,
David Shirey,	Theodore Rickard,	W. S. Mack,	Laura Wise,
Nannie Saddler,	John Klingensmith,	Robert Burleigh,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, A. D. Zahniser, J. F. Silver, A. Wilson, O. Gornall, W. G. Long, E. E. Shelhamer, B. G. Henderson, W. I. Scott, J. H. Kepple, S. L. Smith, J. W. VanGilder, C. B. Nixon.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. L. Garrow, E. R. Smith, W. B. Harris.

4. Who remain on trial? W. W. Blossom, J. N. Grace, L. A. Southworth, E. M. Adair, C. E. Phipps, J. E. Reinschmidt, J. N. McKim, L. Kightlinger, C. H. Mason, H. H. O'Bryon.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. L. Wright, J. W. McIntosh.

6. Who are the deacons? B. Hosbach, F. W. Boettner, G. L. Coughron, R. N. Large. Local deacons: E. R. Smith, L. A. Southworth, Frederick Retzer, T. H. Bailey, G. B. Lambert.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. W. Howard, G. C. Wadding.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. E. Phipps, G. L. Coughron, L. Kightlinger, J. E. Reinschmidt.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. Barnhart.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? G. M. Gillilan; relation, on trial.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? No claimants accepting claim.
- 22, 23. In order at last session only.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Butler, Pennsylvania, as near the third Wednesday of September, 1905, as can be arranged for by the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

PITTSBURG DISTRICT—A. D. ZAHNISER, District Elder, 7 Catharine street, 32 ward, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg (Mt. Washington) . . .	F. E. Glass, supply, 13 Fort street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania	
" (Anderson street and East End) . . .		
" Laura Lamb, supply, Frankstown Ave. and Singer St., Pittsburg, . . .		"
" (West End) and Cannonsburg . . .	B. Hosbach, Elliott,	"
" (Providence Mission) . . .	To be supplied	
" (Rescue Home) . . .	E. W. Liebendorfer, superintendent, Mrs. E. W. Liebendorfer, matron, 9 Catharine street, 32nd ward, Pittsburg,	"
Glenwood and Munhall . . .	J. N. Grace, Glenwood,	"
Ford City and Rosston . . .	H. H. O'Byron, Rosston,	"
Braddock, Verona and } . . .	A. Lenkerd, 515 Hawkins avenue, Pittsburg,	"
New Kensington } . . .	I. K. Damon, supply	
McKeesport and Christy Park . . .	W. W. Spiker, 413 Stoner avenue, McKeesport,	"
Smithton and Collinsburg . . .	L. C. Andre, Smithton,	"
Monongahela City, Courtney } . . .	Lulu Nixon, supply, Sunny Side,	"
and Sunny Side } . . .	Lulu Crill, supply,	"
Kittanning . . .	J. N. McKim, Kittanning,	"
Carnegie and McDonald . . .	A. L. Duncan, supply, Carnegie,	"
Lewis Run and Glassport . . .	E. D. Ayers, supply, Gilhall,	"

J. Barnhart, superannuated, 45 Ruth street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; C. H. Miller, supply at Fountain, Colorado; C. W. Stamp, general conference evangelist, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; W. A. Sellew, general superintendent, 170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT—J. F. SILVER, District Elder, 1108 Seventh street, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Rochester . . .	C. H. Mason, Rochester, Pennsylvania	
New Brighton . . .	R. H. Bentley, New Brighton,	"
Monaca and Pleasant Valley . . .	D. G. Shirer, Ida M. Shirer, supply, Monaca,	"
Beaver Falls and Darlington . . .	Edna Swearingen, supply, Darlington,	"
East Liverpool and East End . . .	A. F. Foust, 136 Pennsylvania avenue, East Liverpool, Ohio	
Hookstown . . .	Rosella E. Adair, supply, Hookstown, Pennsylvania	
Irondale and Ohioville . . .	W. J. McCrory, supply, Irondale, Ohio	
Lazearville and Mingo Junction . . .	W. G. Long, Lazearville, West Virginia	
Bridgeport . . .	E. R. Smith, Bridgeport, Ohio	

C. E. Phipps, supernumerary, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

ALLEGANY DISTRICT—A. WILSON, District Elder, Apollo, Pennsylvania.

Hite and Springdale . . .	Sarah Howard, supply, Hite, Pennsylvania	
Tarentum and Natrona . . .	J. W. Howard, Hite,	"
Leechburg and Bagdad . . .	C. F. Johnston, Leechburg,	"
Vandergrift Heights and Laurel Point . . .	C. L. Wright, Vandergrift Heights,	"
Apollo . . .	J. H. Whiteman, Apollo,	"
Avonmore, Perryville and Saltsburg . . .	R. N. Large, Saltsburg,	"

Butler.....J. B. Easton, Butler, Pennsylvania
 Mars and Cooperstown.....H. L. Speer, Mars, "
 J. W. McIntosh, conference evangelist, Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT—O. GORNALL, District Elder, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Greensburg.....To be supplied
 Jeannette, Arona and Diamond.....F. W. Boettner, Jeannette, Pennsylvania
 Mt. Pleasant, New Haven and Ruffsedale.....G. O. Wadding, Mt. Pleasant, "
 Cove Run, Uniontown, Cool Spring }.....J. P. Foy, Percy, "
 and West Brownsville }.....Clara Foy, supply "
 Fairchance.....T. R. Wayne, Fairchance, "
 Glendale.....William Brubaker, supply "
 Bolivar and Armagh.....M. J. Anthony, supply, Robinson, "
 Black Lick and Homer City.....J. W. Petty, supply "
 Indiana and Smathers.....L. A. Southworth, Indiana, "
 Blairsville and Derry.....D. W. Rose, supply, Blairsville, "
 L. Kightlinger, Two Lick, Pennsylvania, G. L. Coughron, J. E. Reinschmidt, super-
 numerary.

WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT—H. A. BALDWIN, District Elder.

Fairmont.....H. A. Baldwin, Etta Baldwin, supply, Fairmont, West Virginia
 Hendricks and Davis.....Brooks Morgan, supply, Hendricks, "
 Samaria and McConkey.....W. W. Blossom, R. R. No. 6, Fairmont, "
 Catawba and Mt. Sharon.....John Spears and Malinda Spears, Catawba, "

ATLANTA (GEORGIA) DISTRICT—E. E. SHELHAMER, District Elder.

Atlanta.....E. E. Shelhamer, 191 Marietta street, Atlanta, Georgia
 Flora and Macon.....W. H. Tyler, supply, Macon, "
 Rockmart and New Lebanon.....W. B. Harris, Rockmart, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

Bailey, E. E.	West Brownsville, Pennsylv-	Lichenfelt, William	Vandergrift Heights, Penn-
vania.			sylvania.
*Bailey, T. H.	Bailey avenue, Pittsburg,	Mack, W. S.	Calhoun street, Pittsburg,
Pennsylvania.			Pennsylvania.
Baldridge, T. J.	Apollo, Pennsylvania	Morgan, Brooks	Hendricks, West Virginia
Barnes, Herbert. . . .	Spring Arbor, Michigan	Nail, T. A.	Butler, Pennsylvania
Baxter, H. H.	Parnassus, Pennsylvania	Palm, William M.	Butler, "
*Boddy, J. T.	1012 Bank street, Pittsburg,	Paul, W. J.	542 Herron avenue, Pittsburg,
Pennsylvania.			Pennsylvania.
Burleigh, Robert. . . .	New Stanton, Pennsylv-	*Retzer, Frederick, West	Bridgewater, Penn-
vania.		sylvania.	
Darrow, W. E.	R. R. No. 6, Astabula,	Roberts, John	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Ohio.		Ross, J. H.	Butler, "
Davenport, Joseph	Smithton, Pennsylv-	Schroder, O. I.	Spring Arbor, Michigan
vania.		Sellers, F. B.	Butler, Pennsylvania
Davison, W. S.	Percy, Pennsylvania	Shoemaker H. H.	Parsons, West Virginia
Delbridge, George. . . .	Mulhall, "	Simons, Albert.	5230 Gertrude street, Pitts-
Duncan, Allen.	Carnegie, "	burg, Pennsylvania.	
Donaldson, John.	Hite, "	Singleton, T. O.	Hite, Pennsylvania
Fetty, J. W.	Black Lick, "	Skillin, John.	Hite, "
Fields, P. A.	Rochester, "	*Smith, E. R.	Bridgeport, Ohio
Finley, Albert, West Newton,	"	Spears, John.	Catawba, West Virginia
Fish, John	Hite, "	Stewart, Paul.	6727 Kelley street, East End,
Flocker, Miller.	Vanport, "		Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
Hampton, T. B.	Atlanta, Georgia	Telford, Harry.	Vandergrift Heights, Penn-
Harford, E. E.	Percy, Pennsylvania	sylvania.	
Hodge, H. W.	Atlanta, Georgia	Telford, William.	Vandergrift Heights,
King, J. C.	Uniontown, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania.	
Kolb, E. (local elder).	80 Ruth street,	Thomas, W. M.	East Liverpool, Ohio
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.		VanGilder, F. L.	Catawba, R. R., No. 28,
*Lambert, G. B.	Butler, Pennsylvania	West Virginia.	
Lewis, J. B.	Pittsburg, "	Wakefield, Isaac.	New Eagle, Pennsylvania

*Local deacon.

EVANGELISTS

- +Adair, Rosella E Hookstown, Penn-
sylvania.
Andre, Lillian O. Smithton, Penn-
sylvania.
+Baldwin, Etta W Fairmont, West Vir-
ginia.
+Barnhart, Maretha . . . 45 Ruth street, Pitts-
burg, Pennsylvania.
Bergman, Elizabeth . . . Tarentum, Pennsylv-
ania.
Boettner, Jennie . . . Jeannette, Pennsylvania
Burlingame, Stella . . . East Liverpool, Ohio,
Station A.
Dawson, Cora 314 Dunmire alley, West
Grafton, West Virginia.
Eaton, Fannie Grafton, West Virginia
+Elliott, Mary J Grove City, Pennsylvania
Faust, Beulah S . . . 136 Pennsylvania avenue,
East Liverpool, Ohio.
Fetty, Alice J Black Lick, Pennsylvania
Flanagan, Celia Blairsville, Pennsylv-
ania.
Foy, Clara Rector Percy, "
Garrow, May A . . . 138 Whitehall street, At-
lanta, Georgia.
Grace, Lydia A . . . 303 Mansion street, Pitts-
burg (Glenwood), Pennsylvania.
Griffies, Laura 191 Marietta street, At-
lanta, Georgia.
+Haviland, Emma H . . . Greenville, Illinois
+Hill, Sadie Blairsville, Pennsylvania
Hosbach, Ada . . . 602 Steuben street, Elliott,
Pennsylvania.
+Howard, Sarah Hite, Pennsylvania
- Huskell, Lillie R. R. No. 6, Fairmont,
West Virginia.
Jackson, Jessie Irondale, Ohio
+Lamb, Laura Frankstown avenue and
Singer street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
+Lenkerd, Edith M . . . 515 Hawkins avenue,
Braddock, Pennsylvania.
+Miller, Alma L Fountain, Colorado
+Nixon, Lulu Sunny Side, Pennsylvania
Overman, Martha . . . 191 Marietta street, At-
lanta, Georgia.
Robinson, Bessie . . . Robinson, Pennsylvania
+Shirer, Ida McCoy, Rochester, "
+Smith, Bertha B . . . 191 Marietta street, At-
lanta, Georgia.
+Smith, N. L . . . 191 Marietta street, Atlanta,
Georgia.
+Southworth, Lena . . . Indiana, Pennsylvania
Spears, Malinda Catawba, West Virginia
+Spiker, Cora M . . . 413 Stoner avenue, Mc-
Keesport, Pennsylvania.
+Stamp, Blanche 14 North May street,
Chicago, Illinois.
+Stewart, Elizabeth Empire, Ohio
Ullum, Rosalette, Lazearville, West Virginia
VanGilder, Addie Valley Falls, West
Virginia.
VanGilder, Olive Catawba, West Virginia,
R. R. No. 28.
+Wayne, Frances M Fairchance, Penn-
sylvania.
Wilson, Lottie Apollo, Pennsylvania
Young, Tabula . . . 191 Marietta street, Atlanta,
Georgia.

+Conference evangelist.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-second annual session was held in the Free Methodist church on Fort street, Mt. Washington, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, October 5-9, 1904. Five sittings were held—one each on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and three on Saturday. Our senior general superintendent presided with great acceptability. Brother Hart's physical strength was equal to the occasion; his mind was clear and composed, and his preaching was a source of inspiration to all. Sister Hart's presence was much enjoyed and her labors much appreciated. With deep felt sorrow we heard from the lips of Brother Hart that he will never hold another conference session for us. His work is almost done. May the Savior help us to keep in this good old path which this father and mother in Israel have trodden so long.

But how uncertain is human life. The oldest member of the conference may outlive the youngest. One year ago Glenn M. Gillilan was admitted on trial, at which time he was not twenty-one years old. He is now in heaven. He was born May 20, 1883, and died August 12, 1904. A beloved companion, a devoted student, a faithful pastor, a promising preacher and a holy man; we mourn his departure. A suitable memorial was framed and will be preserved.

A preacher from the West Virginia district presented his report and the conference came forward like one man and laid forty dollars on a chair. Another preacher from the same locality reported and the conference arose and repeated the act. Our devoted Brother Baldwin and wife go to West Virginia in charge of the district. With prayers and financial aid let us help to "hold the ropes."

We were glad to see the beaming face of W. B. Olmstead who was present in the interests of the publishing house. He preached with much of the divine unction on Sabbath afternoon, and our hearts burned within us while the Holy Ghost sealed the truth. After the sermon \$1500 was raised on the Mt. Washington church indebtedness. In the evening \$300 was raised in cash and subscriptions for Providence Mission of Pittsburg. Many excellent and spiritual sermons were preached during the session of conference, and on the Sabbath several pulpits of other denominations were filled by members of the conference with acceptability.

The following brethren from the Oil City conference were present and invited to honorary seats: Rev. E. S. Zahniser, Rev. J. J. Zahniser, Rev. F. W. McClelland, Rev. F. N. Fox. The faces of other brethren were also seen. Rev. D. W. Rose, who was present from the Illinois conference, was given an appointment, and Rev. J. W. McIntosh was received from the M. E. church into the conference. Rev. L. S. Wilkinson, Rev. William Tipper, Rev. L. R. Jones and Rev. H. M. Chalfant, all of the Methodist Episcopal church, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats; also Rev. E. O. Lane, of the Methodist Protestant church, and David Kilburn, of the Congregational church.

Rev. A. L. Whitcomb was present in the interests of Greenville College, in which he awakened fresh interest. He preached an able sermon with power from on high.

One sad feature was the absence of Rev. C. H. Miller who, with his devoted wife, had gone to Colorado for a more healthful climate. They were much beloved and appreciated, but since they have gone we bid them God speed and await their return with, we trust, greatly improved health.

Rev. F. E. Glass was faithful and efficient in caring for the comfort of the conference. Gratitude is felt toward all who assisted in the work of entertainment—to the many who opened their homes and extended a warm welcome.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$189.90.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$227.88.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$417.78.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$126.60.

CLAIMANTS' PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$63.30.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Raised, \$10.84.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Raised, \$18.19.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Assessed, \$189.90.

Paid, \$169.82; deficit, \$20.08. Total, \$189.90.

EVANGELISTS' FUND—Assessed, \$63.30.

Paid, \$55.39; deficit, \$7.91. Total, \$63.30.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

Next to the salvation of the soul is the proper development of the mind. We are to grow not only in grace, but also in "knowledge." Many are the latent powers of the mind that could be used to the glory of God and the salvation of immortal man if only drawn out through proper training. We are glad for the public school system which is the foundation of all other schools. We would sacredly guard it against the innovations of its enemies. As a bulwark of the nation it is a vital institution. But, however grand in its aim and accomplishments its evil associations many times counteract the godly home and the Sabbath-school. We would warn our young people of the fashionable boarding schools as being perilous to virtue; but heartily recommend our excellent schools any one of which stands upon its own merits. With their faculties of Christian men and women, their soul-stirring revivals from year to year, the bright young men and maidens going forth to the work of God, reminds us of the school of the prophets as founded by Samuel and enlarged by Elijah as its most noted president. We therefore urge our young people and especially those anticipating the call to the ministry, to patronize the schools of our church.

We exhort local preachers and evangelists to pursue the disciplinary course of study. We express our appreciation of the present excellent course of study. We further compliment the central board of examiners on the good success and fairness of the different examinations. We especially urge all our young ministers to diligently study the regular course for traveling preachers not from the mere motive of passing or of ordination, but for its real worth. As a regular theological course we are convinced of its sterling value and believe it to be an excellent preparation, if rightly pursued, toward approving ourselves of God and man.

III.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In this day and age of the world the devil seems to be more busy than ever in devising plans to ensnare the young people, and he is alarmingly successful in executing his plans, as he has many different agencies. Through the cheap, trashy literature of the day thousands fall a prey to the enemy. Of course we do not believe that Free Methodist parents supply their children with this kind of reading, but it is here, and it is a deadly foe especially to the young. Even some so-called good literature under the guise of religion is scattered through the land. Can the evil be avoided? Here we would advise that our people consult the preacher if they are in doubt about certain books or papers. We have found some of these in Free Methodist homes bought by the parents for their children to read,

and they were ignorant of what was in them. Hence we feel it our duty to throw out a danger signal here.

We are in the world, our children are here, and sin is here in every form. How shall we escape? Jesus said, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil." Here we can hardly refrain from saying something about home training. The work must begin here. Parents should always be firm, but never harsh; and when it becomes really necessary to use the rod, always do so in love or you will fail to bring about the desired result.

Our children should be persuaded to attend our own Sabbath-schools. We also advise that Free Methodist parents come with them, for it is a lamentable fact that there is a great lack of interest here.

In every case let our Sabbath-schools be supplied with our own literature, as we have never found any that is equal to it. We also heartily recommend that our own book, *Light and Life Songs*, be used in all our schools. We believe there is none better.

Let every school be supplied as far as possible with a library provided with the best of books. And last, but not least, let no unsaved person act as a teacher in any case, as the Sabbath-school is the hope of the future church; for here lasting and indelible impressions are made which mould character for eternity. To this end let our own people become more interested in the Sabbath-school. The Home Department if recognized will be a great help. Let the church in general awake to greater zeal in this work in all its branches, and with King David ask, "Is the young man Absalom safe" (2 Sam. 18: 32).

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Books and papers are like people, we sit down with them and commune; we look the author in the face, we see the flash of his eye, his heart life is infused into our heart life; his thoughts become our thoughts; for the time being we think with his mind and breathe in of his spirit. We are creatures of influence, we do not live alone, others live for us; we do not always lead, too often we are led. It is hard to keep from doing as our company does, so also it is hard to keep from thinking as our author thinks. Our custom to think as others think makes us eventually to lose our individuality, and as like begets like we become like him. So it is wise to be careful as well about what we read as whom we fellowship. Light, chaffy reading causes lightness and carelessness of life. Allowing the mind to dwell on scenes of tragedy causes the soul to lose its sense of the sinfulness of sin, till it becomes commonplace. An author with a vicious heart begets vicious literature, and in time vicious literature begets vicious readers, and like the habit for intoxicants one taste requires another and destroys the taste for the solids of literature. If you will tell us what books a man delights to read we shall tell you what kind of man he is with more certainty than if you tell us with whom he associates, because circumstances may without his consent throw him into sinful company, but his reading is his deliberate choice. Moreover, Adventists, Come-outers, and every phase of the devil doctrines of these latter days realize the influence of literature and as a consequence are extremely zealous in scattering broadcast their pernicious stuff, giving it pious sounding names in order to trap the unwary, and too often they succeed. Preachers reach a limited number of hearts, but prayers and books preach their sermons over again and again at the firesides of the people.

There are two things necessary in overcoming an evil; first, expose its sinfulness; second, offer something virtuous as a substitute. So the first thing to do is to convince the people that the greater part of the popular literature of to-day is unfit for their perusal, and then offer them something that will be helpful to them. We are glad to hand the people as clean a paper as the *Free Methodist* with its wholesome advice, soul-inspiring reports and thorough truths. But while we naturally place our own church organ at top rank, yet at times we have deplored the insertion of pictures of people and of churches that were not, as we think, in strict accordance with gospel simplicity and our church Discipline. We also regret occasional arguments pro and con that do not savor of the Spirit.

In conclusion let us say that time is short and that we should always read that which will profit our souls. Read nothing because it is entertaining but because it draws you nearer to God. If you are in earnest to get to heaven this earnestness should manifest itself in your reading matter, and if everything else in your life is clean, soul health and vigor will follow and continue as inevitable as effect follows its proper cause. May the Lord give us discretion and understanding in all things.

V.—ON REFORMS.

1. CHURCH MUSIC.—"Let me make the songs for our nation and I care not who makes her laws." Thus declared a distinguished Frenchman. That there is great power inherent in the songs we sing to make the character direct the mind no one who has studied the subject at all will deny. Therefore it is enjoined upon all our members to "sing those songs which tend to the knowledge and love of God," and them only. Religious experience is greatly affected by the songs used. Light sentimental songs will always produce a super-

ficial experience and greatly hinder going down to a deeper, while good, sound, spiritual hymns will lead to a good, experience. Our church law on the use of song books is, "Let the preacher in charge see that in all cases the Free Methodist hymn book be used in the regular services" of the church. "Light and Life," "Best Hymns" and the like are intended to be used in the Sabbath-schools, camp-meetings and social gatherings.

2. OUR CHURCH PAPER.—We are deeply grieved at the small circulation of the church paper, the *Free Methodist*, in this conference. This is a serious mistake. In some of our largest societies there are but few copies taken. Why is this? Is it because other papers are taken or the neglect of the pastors in charge? We wish to call the attention of the pastors especially to this good work and urge that they apply themselves to it until there is a large increase in subscriptions. The *Free Methodist* is a great blessing wherever it goes.

3. ROMANISM.—We believe that the Roman papacy is an implacable enemy to all in this country that is not distinctively Roman, as against American and Protestant institutions. She has proclaimed from time to time from pulpit, platform and press her standing opposition to our national constitution and our public schools, and revels in a delusive hope of containing control of this country in no distant day. But as England, Germany, Mexico and other countries have cast her off as to her ruling power, so when the time comes we too will not be found asleep or wanting. Every monastery and nunnery in this country ought to be abolished.

4. MORMONISM.—This is a creature begotten and grown up in our midst. That it is an innocent and harmless creature we do not believe. We note some of its false teachings: (1) There are many Gods; (2) Adam is now a god; (3) "The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's;" (4) Jesus was a polygamist, having three wives; (5) the "Book of Mormon" is a divine revelation; (6) the Mormon church is the only true church. We again protest against Mr. Smoot's occupying a seat in the United States congress. Though he may not have a plurality of wives, yet he teaches, by virtue of his position as an apostle in the church, the right, privilege and duty under certain circumstances to have more than one wife; and in other ways is he guilty before the laws and usages of our government.

5. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.—It is falsely so called. When Panditti Ramabai came to this country she recognized this evil as the old religion of India, and so declared. It is that old enemy our fathers had to fight—Socinianism, slightly changed and attired. Christian Science in our land numbers more than one million souls. Because "men love darkness rather than light" evil is preferred to right, and this and other false religions are increasing rapidly. An exposure of the evils of Christian Science may be found in "Christian Science Unmasked," by Wilson T. Hogue, one of our general superintendents.

6. SECRET ORDERS.—Last but not least perhaps of the false religions in the earth we must name Masonry, Odd Fellowship and their brood of smaller societies. Masonry and Odd Fellowship are religions. They have their scripture portions, though mutilated; their prayers, with no Christ in them; their chaplain, who reads the religious services, including prayers; their ritual; form for burial. A religion adapted to all other religions, where all, whether he be Jew, Mohammedan, Parsee, Mormon or Hindoo, may meet and worship. The moral man, the wicked and profane, covetous, thief, licentious, all may and do meet at the temple and call each other brother, where their wickedness is not in danger of being exposed. Moreover, they bind themselves by fearful oaths which are extra-judicial and therefore illegal. They are not binding and should be so regarded by all.

7. THE AMERICAN SALOON is the Barabbas of modern times, guilty of insurrection and the murder of one hundred thousand annually; released as in ancient days in answer to the cry of the multitudes, and history repeats itself. Christ is crucified in the house of his friends, the professed church, resolutely against Barabbas in assembly, synod and conference and voting for him on election day; and thus he goes on in mighty and triumphant tread through the land, leaving in his wake full insane asylums, busy penitentiaries, crowded dockets, ruined homes, blighted lives, broken hearts, blasted hopes, and filling hell with drunkards, saloon-keepers, brewers and distillers. We flatly refuse to be partners in the infernal business, and pledge ourselves to vote only for the overthrow of this murderous, hellish traffic. We heartily endorse the soul-stirring articles in the *Free Methodist* on this subject and count nothing as being too strong.

8. WORLDLY ATTIRE.—We thought we could pass this subject by with but a mention, but we feel constrained to point out some things which we believe harmful in nature and tendency. Much may be said in commendation of our young people in their efforts to be plain, but in many instances we have reason to deplore the large hats which give the wearer a decidedly worldly appearance. We fear the motive in wearing such hats is not of God, and that such attire is desired and preferred by the wearer. God declares that he hates a "high look and a proud heart" (Prov. 21:4). Paul by the Spirit of God commands a modest apparel worn with sobriety, and Peter urges an apparel which comports with a meek and quiet spirit. We urge a study of this subject with an honest heart and much prayer to God so that there may be convictions of duty, and then "walk in the light."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PITTSBURG DISTRICT											
East End, Pittsburg.....			\$ 92 09		\$ 570 88	\$ 107 60	\$ 73 00	1	\$ 4000	1	\$ 2000
McKeesport.....			77 78	\$ 2 10	578 56	100 17	45 00	1	1600		
Bradock.....			16 51	60	410 64	51 76	21 88	1	4000	1	2000
Glenwood and Munhall.....			45 09	1 20	587 65	115 73	17 26	2	6000		
Kittanning.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 05	85 09	2 45	963 39	80 54	34 94	1	1700		
Smithton and Collinsburg.....			25 00	1 50	325 00	50 00		2	3500		
Rosston.....			28 82	85	174 60	21 77	11 80				
West End and Cannonsburg.....	13		57 76		625 25	76 85	9 00	1	4000	1	500
Mont City, Courtney and Manown.....					314 23	53 66					
Anderson, Pittsburg.....				95	107 91	30 69	4 90	1	3000		
Carnegie and McDonald.....			28 28	80	52 23			1	3000		
Mt. Washington, Pittsburg.....		21 62	53 03	2 75	648 00	105 41	44 62	1	8000	1	1800
New Kensington and Verona.....			5 00		17 00	14 00		1	1000		
ROCHESTER DISTRICT											
Ohioville.....			18 81	80		40 00		1	1500		
Pleasant Valley.....			10 55	50	212 50	42 20		1	1500		
East Liverpool and East End.....	2 04		95 01	1 40	700 00	86 08		2	6000		
Chester and Irondale.....			96 74	1 15	563 63	143 41		2	3000		
Lazearville.....			61 18		578 78	104 08		1	2500		
Hookstown.....	1 00	1 00	56 57	80	379 06	61 76		1	1000		
Rochester.....		4 00	81 55	1 85	507 00	100 00		2	2500	1	1500
Bridgeport.....			19 86	1 30	498 55	53 17		1	1200		
New Brighton.....	2 25	3 02	88 00	3 70	650 00	117 00	17 00	1	4000	1	4000
Beaver Falls.....						34 50					
ALLEGHENY DISTRICT											
Apollo.....			44 27	3 45	466 48	78 57		1	1800		
Avonmore, Perrysville, Saltsburg.....			10 05	1 05	370 00	69 00		1	1600		
Leechburg, Bagdad and Freeport.....			42 58	70	365 85	73 55		2	2200		
Vandergrift Heights.....			78 35		698 91	121 35		2	5600		
Butler.....		7 60	125 10	4 15	700 00	117 84		1	2600	1	2400
Mars and Cooperstown.....			28 06	70	180 56	40 00		1	1700		
Hite, Tarentum and Allegheny.....			71 50	2 50	683 00	117 89		2	8500	1	1800
GREENSBURG DISTRICT											
Greensburg.....				65	76 76	20 88					
Jeannette.....			20 19		319 13	35 75	2 30	1	3000		
Blairsville.....			20 70	1 35	525 25	55 00	32 14	1	1800	1	2500
Cove Run and Cool Spring.....		1 75	71 40		499 16	114 21	14 44	1	1000	1	500
Fairchance.....					575 00	107 48	6 00	1	1500	1	1500
Glendale.....	20	18	6 16	80	250 21	30 13	5 54	1	800		
Indiana.....			21 41	1 30	453 81	61 22		1	1200		
Mt. Pleasant, New Haven, Ruffsdales.....			16 00	1 25	132 50	28 34	25 00	1	3000		
Bolivar and Armagh.....			15 30	50	120 00	33 29	9 00	2	2000		
Arona.....		70	58 44		180 75	46 71		1	800		
Black Lick and Homer City.....			5 10	1 05	20 00	40 35		1	1000		
West Brownsville.....			18 73		20 00	8 32		1	750		
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT											
Hendricks and Davis.....			10 88	55	199 22	34 73	34 24	2	1400	1	800
Mt. Sharon.....			3 63	65	34 36	36 25		1	800		
Catawba.....			6 70	50	188 25	31 90	3 00	1	600		
Samaria and McConkey.....			2 25	80	130 85	35 54		2	800		
GEORGIA DISTRICT											
Atlanta.....			50 00	1 40			200 00				
Rockmart and New Lebanon.....			10 00		50 00	3 25	8 00				
Flora and Macon.....											
Total.....	\$ 7 40	\$40 99	\$1777 50	\$48 45	\$16093 87	\$2837 94	\$ 621 01	52	\$ 105550 12	\$21300	

Raised for tracts: New Brighton, \$4.00; Bridgeport, \$1.00; Hendricks and Davis, \$1.00; Atlanta, \$25.00; Rockmart and Lebanon, \$1.00.

*Of this \$54.00 was raised at camp-meeting.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

PITTSBURG, ROCHESTER AND ALLEGHENY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	General Superintendents' Claims	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missions Society
PITTSBURG DISTRICT																		
A. D. Zahniser, Dist. Elder																		
East End, Pittsburg..	Laura Lamb.....	42	15	57	8	1	1	7	85	14	\$ 11 78	\$ 5 58	\$ 6 15	\$ 4 65	\$ 1 10	.....	.....	\$105 00
McKeesport.....	W. W. Spiker.....	35	8	43	1	1	1	9	50	8	13 86	7 56	8 40	6 30	4 20	.....	.....	126 91
Braddock.....	Adam Lenker.....	13	3	16	2	1	1	3	15	6	3 96	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	24 24
Granville and Munhall..	J. N. Grace.....	26	4	30	2	2	2	14	65	5	7 92	4 32	4 80	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	36 85
Pittsburg.....	J. N. McKim.....	63	12	75	2	2	2	14	100	12	16 77	8 82	9 90	7 35	4 90	.....	.....	39 30
Smithton and Collinsburg.	J. P. Foy.....	22	1	23	2	2	2	8	50	5	9 90	5 40	6 00	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	6 91
Roseton.....	C. I. Schroder.....	11	7	18	1	1	1	8	64	3	2 31	3 35	1 05	1 05	70	.....	.....	2 00
West End and Cannonsburg.	B. Hoshach.....	20	5	25	2	2	2	6	22	4	5 28	2 88	3 40	2 55	1 60	.....	.....	71 00
Mont City, Courtney and Manown..	Julu Nixon.....	20	7	27	2	2	2	8	64	3	2 31	3 35	1 05	1 05	70	.....	.....	2 00
Anderson, Pittsburg.....	A. D. Zahniser.....	14	2	16	1	1	1	5	22	4	10 23	3 42	1 60	1 20	1 80	.....	.....	20 00
Carnegie and McDonald.....	Allen Duncan.....	16	1	17	1	1	1	5	22	4	5 28	2 88	3 40	2 55	1 60	.....	.....	63 37
Mt. Washington, Pittsburg..	F. E. Glass.....	62	16	78	3	1	1	12	60	25	13 15	9 90	11 00	8 25	5 50	.....	.....	.....
New Kensington and Verona..	Irwin K. Damon.....	13	1	14	1	1	1	4	35	4	4 25	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	.....
ROCHESTER DISTRICT																		
J. F. Silver, District Elder																		
Chlorville.....	G. M. Gillilan.....	14	1	15	1	1	1	6	43	6	5 28	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley.....	G. C. Wadding.....	10	1	11	1	1	1	3	30	2	3 90	2 10	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
East Liverpool and East End..	Albert F. Faust.....	42	9	51	2	2	2	18	70	24	7 63	4 14	4 60	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	49 26
Chester and Irondale.....	E. L. Garrow.....	30	9	39	2	2	2	7	35	25	9 57	5 29	4 35	2 90	2 30	.....	.....	54 18
Lazearville.....	C. H. Mason.....	36	9	45	1	1	1	13	89	3	5 28	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	41 73
Hockstown.....	Rosella E. Adair.....	22	14	36	2	2	2	13	72	15	5 28	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	73 54
Rochester.....	D. G. Shlifer.....	38	8	46	2	2	2	13	72	15	12 21	6 66	7 40	5 55	3 70	.....	.....	100 00
Bridgeport.....	H. A. Baldwin.....	28	3	31	1	1	1	6	25	4	8 58	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	87 92
New Brighton.....	C. L. Wright.....	77	11	88	1	1	1	18	90	15	24 42	13 32	14 80	11 00	7 40	.....	.....	110 00
Beaver Falls.....	J. F. Silver.....	12	1	13	1	1	1	4	35	4	5 28	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....
ALLEGHENY DISTRICT																		
A. Wilson, District Elder																		
Apollo.....	Lewis A. Southworth.....	50	2	52	2	2	2	9	60	10	22 77	12 42	13 80	10 35	6 90	.....	.....	31 01
Avonmore, Perryville and Satsburg..	R. N. Lange.....	23	7	30	1	1	1	8	25	6	6 93	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	29 18
Leecburg, Bagdad and Freeport..	C. F. Johnston.....	25	8	33	2	2	2	14	60	4	4 62	2 52	2 80	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	145 63
Vandergrift Heights.....	B. H. Bentley.....	71	9	80	3	1	2	23	175	12	23 56	11 16	12 40	9 30	6 20	.....	.....	300 00
Butler.....	J. B. Easton.....	85	9	94	5	1	1	13	140	16	27 39	14 94	16 60	14 45	8 30	.....	.....	26 00
Bars and Coopersburg.....	A. Wilson.....	14	2	16	1	1	1	7	50	2	4 62	2 52	2 80	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	78 44
Hite, Tarentum and Allegheny..	J. W. Howard.....	54	10	64	3	1	2	15	122	9	16 50	9 00	10 00	7 50	5 00	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

GREENSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA AND GEORGIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Women's Foreign Missionary Societies
GREENSBURG DISTRICT																		
Greensburg.....	O. Gornall, District Elder	8	4	12	8	1	1	8	30	2	\$ 4 29	\$ 2 31	\$ 2 60	\$ 1 95	1 30	.....	.....	8 18
Blairsville.....	F. W. Boettner.....	19	6	25	23	1	1	4	23	5	5 28	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	\$ 40 25
Blairsville.....	Harry L. Speer.....	27	4	31	33	2	1	4	23	6	8 91	4 85	5 40	4 05	2 70	.....	.....	60 00
Cove Run and Cook Spring.....	John H. Whiteman.....	48	8	56	56	3	1	10	65	4	14 85	8 10	6 75	6 75	4 50	.....	.....	20 77
Fairchance.....	T. R. Wayne.....	53	6	59	59	1	1	8	42	1	17 49	9 54	7 95	7 95	5 30	.....	.....	15 00
Glendale.....	J. W. Petty.....	21	2	23	23	1	1	5	25	1	5 28	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	38 31
Indiana.....	W. H. Brubaker.....	32	3	35	35	1	1	8	18	6	8 58	7 58	5 20	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	15 00
Mt. Pleasant, New Haven, Ruffsedale.....	L. C. Andre.....	23	27	50	50	1	1	11	70	4	8 25	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	4 60
Bolivar and Armagh.....	M. J. Anthony.....	16	5	21	21	1	1	8	40	4	3 30	1 80	2 00	1 60	1 00	.....	.....	51 02
Arona.....	H. H. O'Bryon.....	14	2	16	16	1	2	10	40	3	3 63	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
Black Lick and Homer City.....	O. Gornall.....	19	19	38	19	1	2	10	25	3	6 15	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....
West Brownsville.....	E. E. Bailey.....	3	3	6	3	1	1	3	22	.....	59	54	45	30	30	.....	.....	.....
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT																		
Hendricks and Davis.....	William G. Long, Dist. Elder	10	3	13	13	1	1	3	15	3	3 63	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	17 49
Mt. Sharon.....	William G. Long.....	12	1	13	12	1	1	7	35	.....	4 39	2 84	2 60	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	.....
Catawba.....	John Spears.....	10	1	11	11	1	1	3	50	2	3 20	1 80	2 00	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Samarita and McConkey.....	W. W. Blossom.....	18	18	36	18	4	1	3	25	1	5 28	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	37 43
GEORGIA DISTRICT																		
Atlanta.....	E. E. Shelhamer, Dist. Elder	35	15	50	2	6	1	9	35	2	9 24	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	.....
Rockmart and New Lebanon.....	N. L. Smith.....	4	15	19	1	1	1	8	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flora and Macon.....	W. B. Harris.....	6	6	12	1	1	1	5	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flora and Macon.....	W. H. Tyler.....	6	6	12	1	1	1	5	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		1385	291	1676	45	36	57	406	2460	302	\$ 423 09	\$ 225 07	\$ 240 70	\$ 187 15	\$122 00	.....	.....	1865 32

NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT JAMESTOWN,
NORTH DAKOTA, SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 1, 1904

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

W. S. BALLENGER, *Secretary.* O. E. McCracken, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. BARHAM, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellw, C. G. Heath, C. M. Rumsey.

On Publications—W. Barham, V. D. Pool, C. S. Shaver.

On State of the Work.—C. G. Heath, C. Jarvis.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Nominate a Board of Examiners for the Ensuing Year—W. A. Sellw.

On Sabbath-schools—H. A. Spicer, Ida Rice, Matthew Robison.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—O. E. McCracken, George Klein,
Mrs. C. T. Oliver.

On Reforms—J. W. Greeno, Mrs. Lottie Lawrence, Ida Rice.

On Education—W. Barham, O. E. McCracken, Charles Jarvis.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—H. G. Bachman.

To Receive Various Conference Funds—H. A. Spicer.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellw, C. G. Heath, W. Barham,
M. Robison, J. W. Greeno.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. S. Ballenger, time expires, 1907; John Moran, time expires, 1906; W. Barham,
time expires, 1905.

CONFERENCE HOME MISSION BOARD

Red River district, W. S. Ballenger, C. Jarvis; Larimore district, H. G. Bachman,
Mrs. Annie Warren. Officers—W. Barham, president; H. G. Bachman, vice-
president; W. S. Ballenger, secretary; Annie Warren, treasurer.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Mary E. Edinger, president; Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, vice-president; Mrs. An-
nie Warren, recording secretary; Miss Iva L. Rice, corresponding secretary;
Mrs. Emma Rumsey, treasurer.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, Home
Missions; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Confer-
ence Claimants' Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this
conference?

PREACHERS

W. Barham,
C. M. Rumsey,
E. G. Greenup.

H. A. Spicer,
John Moran,

O. E. McCracken,
W. S. Ballenger,

F. A. Reeves,
C. G. Heath,

DELEGATES

Charles Jarvis,
J. W. Greeno,

Mrs. C. T. Oliver,
Edward Schuler,

Mrs. Ida Rice,
Mrs. Annie Warren,

M. Robison,
Mrs. Lottie Lawrence.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, C. G. Heath, J. W. Greeno.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? George Klein.
4. Who remain on trial? Vern D. Pool.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? C. M. Rumsey, *Allen Greenup, *E. G. Greenup, *C. S. Shaver.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? E. G. Greenup, according to chapter 7, ¶85 of Discipline.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. A. Spicer.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? F. A. Reeves.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? John Moran, from the Iowa conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? A. G. Parks.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? C. G. Heath.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers? F. A. Reeves, \$30.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Larimore, North Dakota, not earlier than the first Wednesday in October, 1905; as soon thereafter as is convenient with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The seventh annual session of the North Dakota conference was held in the Free Methodist church, at Jamestown, North Dakota, September 28-October 1, 1904, with General Superintendent W. A. Sellew presiding. The sittings of the conference were characterized by the manifestations of the love and power of God.

Brother Sellew's addresses to the conference were timely and to the point and were greatly appreciated by all who were privileged to hear them.

The religious services were times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Many were profited thereby. Quite a number were saved and sanctified.

The appointments were all well received.

There was \$130 raised for the Wessington Springs Seminary; \$25 to help defray expenses of entertaining the conference. The various collections of the conference are all up in full with a surplus. With much to humble and more to encourage us, we are looking for better days for the North Dakota conference.

APPOINTMENTS

RED RIVER DISTRICT—W. BARHAM, District Elder.

Fargo and Barrie.....	O. E. McCracken, Gardner, North Dakota
Gardner.....	John Moran, Gardner, " "
Grand Prairie.....	W. S. Ballenger, Valley City, " "
Glenfield and Courtney.....	George Klein, Ella Klein, supply, Courtney, " "
Bold Hill schoolhouse and McHenry.....	Annie Klein, supply, McHenry, " "
Jamestown and Steel.....	C. M. Rumsey, Jamestown, " "

*Local deacons.

Wilton and Washburn.....C. S. Shaver, supply, Wilton, North Dakota
 Williams county.....V. D. Pool
 Bowden.....Louisa Miller, supply, Bowden, " " "
 C. G. Heath, granted certificate of standing with view to transfer; H. A. Spicer,
 supernumerary; the conference relation of W. Barham was fixed on Red River district,

LARIMORE DISTRICT—W. BARHAM, District Elder.

Larimore and Park River.....H. G. Bachman, supply, Larimore, North Dakota
 Mayville and Portland.....Mary Edinger, supply, Mayville, " "
 Crary and Edmore.....Iva L. Rice, supply, Crary, " "
 Deering.....Edward Shuler, supply, Deering, " "
 Ray.....To be supplied
 F. A. Reeves, superannuated; E. G. Greenup, located according to ¶84 and ¶85 of
 Discipline, membership on Deering circuit.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Alice Heath,

Mrs. L. M. Ballenger.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Apportioned, \$23.40.

Paid, \$31.65; surplus, \$8.15.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Apportioned, \$15.60.

Paid, \$21.55; surplus, \$5.95.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$28.08.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$51.48.

PERMANENT FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$7.80.

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—\$16.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—\$311.

HOME MISSIONS—\$195.92.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—\$23.16.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—\$1.00.

F. A. REEVES.—\$227.10.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

We feel devoutly thankful to God and the church for the increased interest being manifested in this important work among us as a people. We believe the time has arrived when it demands our preachers to be more knowing if we are to command and retain the attention of our congregations where we labor.

While God has in the past used men and women of limited education to help and build up his kingdom, yet we believe they could have been more useful had they had a liberal education. All our reformers and those who have brought about great changes in their time have been men who were highly educated. Paul said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We believe this to be necessary if we shall attain the sphere of greatest usefulness.

We would therefore urge all to attend some one of our schools and prepare themselves for their future work in life.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

As a people we hold that good literature is the making of a home, and equally true may it be said of a society, for you tell us what you read and we will tell you what you are. So then we deem good reading a vital essential to the building of character.

Oh, how obnoxious that fictitious literature that is flooding our country, also infecting the mail service of the day, and is brought to our doors for our young to read! Let us rise up with one voice and with all moral courage denounce its traffic about us.

We earnestly recommend that our people especially patronize our publishing house and secure for themselves, books and literature that will edify and build up the moral system of the home. Especially do we beseech all to subscribe for our church organ, the *Free Methodist*.

IV.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee feels like penning John Wesley's last words, "The best of all God is with us." Long years ago when our circuits were few and far between we awaited the coming district meetings with as much anxiety as the street-vaifs of Chicago the free Thanksgiving dinner. It was a great place of attraction and meant nearly as much to us as Legislature to a State. God always meets a people who come together in faith. At the close of one of these gatherings one Sabbath evening, as we were bidding each other farewell,

Brother Barham said to me, "You and I may live to see a conference in North Dakota." (We then belonged to the North Minnesota conference.) We have lived to see a conference in North Dakota, and although small we consider it in a very good and healthy condition, both spiritually and financially.

Myself excepted, we consider our preachers a little better than the average in preaching ability; they are also spiritual and devoted. Our members are also consecrated and devout.

One new church, costing about \$1500, has been built and dedicated, free of debt, except the \$200 which we have applied for from the Church Extension Board. The church at Granville and mission at Larimore, the parsonage and church at Gardner, and parsonage at Grand Prairie, the parsonage and hall of worship at Jamestown and the parsonage at Glenfield have all been repaired at considerable expense, besides a shelter for the horses at the last named place.

The work as a whole is on the upgrade spiritually. However we think there is great chance for improvement. First by enlarging our borders. We have but just partly gleaned the fields where our work has been established for many years. We as preachers should preach better, visit more and pray more. To stir us up to our duty on this line your committee suggest that we read the three Pauline epistles, *i. e.*, First and Second Timothy and the book of Titus on our knees often in our secret devotion.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire is one of the all important qualifications of a disciple. Jesus had his disciples tarry until they received it. Then that we may have help from, and co-operation with our laymen we should insist on their getting it also, where they haven't it already.

We also think a revival in our general gatherings would be of great profit to us as a conference. Such as district meetings, camp-meetings, conferences, etc.

We should encourage our local preachers, evangelists and exhorters to push into new fields and let a load of the pilgrims go along with them, not to criticise and pick their sentences to pieces, or find out whether they use good grammar, or are sound in the doctrine of the Millennium or not, but go to pray and help sing and say amen. We believe this order of laborers are not used nor appreciated as they should be. Let us reform and give them a chance, or make a chance for them by pushing them out.

Next we fear we do not pay enough attention to our young people and children; they should have part of the services.

Your committee thinks one of the most effective means of pushing our work into new fields and strengthening what we have, would be to secure a good evangelist to hold revivals and give him a good band of workers to go with him. The money expended by the Home Mission board in this direction would bring us more returns than in any other way.

We also believe the work of western Canada and the North Dakota conference should be united in one conference; and we believe if these blood-washed saints were invited to, that they would unite with us and we could be a help and strength to each other. Such steps should be taken at our next general conference.

At present we need new churches at the following places: Crary, Mayville, Fargo, Nimocks Grove near Gardner, Bold Hill, Jamestown and Wilton. It is possible to build them all during the coming year if we look to God for his help. We are located in a wealthy state and the God who owns it should have houses for his people to worship in. It is wrong for us to live in a nice house with well papered walls hung with chromes, and ask God to hold his meetings in a little, old schoolhouse with half room enough to hold the people, with seats too small for a grown person to sit in, all daubed with ink and defaced with pen-knives. You may think this overdrawn, but the wall is usually decorated with a black-board whitewashed with chalk, and a few torn maps, with a few old bracket lamps stuck on the wall minus chimneys and oil—two very necessary things for a night meeting. The pulpit is a four-legged affair often with the hips out of joint, tottering under an old dictionary out of the cover, and a box of broken pieces of chalk. Now, we should have a nice place for God. I do not believe in living in the parlor and asking God to occupy the coal house or woodshed. We must quit treating him as a tramp. Let us build some nice comfortable churches with stables for the horses. Who would build a house without a barn if he owned stock?

Seven years ago Park River was one of the most promising fields we had; that was the time we should have built a church or bought one. We let the chance go by, the pilgrims became discouraged, the work began to decline and it will take a desperate effort to gain our lost ground there.

We also believe that we do not show courtesy enough to strangers when they come to our services. Ladies coming with a horse should have some one to take the horse and care for it and bring it to the door again at the close of the service. * * * Where we have societies committees should be appointed to see to these things.

During the past year our preachers have all stayed on their circuits and have done their work well. One of our best pilgrims has died the past year, Mrs. Carrie Billings of Gardner. A few also of our best have moved away but others have come to fill their places. Our preachers have been well supported the past year. We believe there has been an increase of membership on most of our circuits where we have had preachers. We will also state that we never saw more of a spirit of unity than is now enjoyed by the members of this conference.

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RED RIVER AND LARIMORE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions
RED RIVER DISTRICT																
Fargo.....	C. G. Heath, District Elder	10	14	1	1	5	20	7	3 07	1 62	1 35	3 90	90	.....	.....	\$ 82 70
Gardner.....	*V. D. Pool.....	25	27	1	1	8	41	10	8 58	4 68	6 15	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	120 00
Grand Prairie.....	W. S. Ballenger.....	46	6	3	1	50	7	13 50	7 20	7 20	32 50	6 15	4 10	.....	.....	40 00
Jamestown.....	C. M. Ramsey.....	23	9	2	2	41	7	7 26	3 96	2 80	1 00	3 30	2 30	.....	.....	6 40
Glenfield and Courtney.....	C. S. Shaver, supply.....	18	6	2	2	11	40	4	5 28	2 80	1 80	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	49 00
Wilton.....	C. G. Heath.....	5	5	1	1	..	..	2	1 50	75	90	2 40	1 50	.....	.....	..
LARIMORE DISTRICT																
Larimore, Mayville and Park River.....	C. G. Heath, District Elder	15	15	1	1	8	20	6	5 00	2 50	2 15	2 15	1 50	.....	61 00	..
Craty.....	H. G. Bachman, supply.....	14	14	2	1	4	15	4	4 62	2 52	110 14	3 10	1 40	.....	.....	14 09
Granville and Chicota.....	Edward Schuler, supply.....	10	10	2	1	4	15	4	3 00	1 50	15 00	1 80	1 00	.....	.....	..
Total.....		166	27	138	4	8	49	227	50	\$ 53 81	\$ 27 63	\$ 158 40	\$ 24 06	\$ 15 90	\$ 107 40	\$265 79

*Received from home missions, \$30.25; general missions, \$40.00.

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
RED RIVER DISTRICT										
Fargo.....	.....	.....	6 63	45	\$ 313 46	\$ 21 93	1	1000	1	600
Gardner.....	.....	\$15 70	27 05	1 30	630 00	125 00	1	1000	1	600
Grand Prairie.....	.....	6 90	37 20	2 00	72 53	125 00	1	1000	1	600
Jamestown.....	\$ 1 00	.....	37 37	1 10	627 81	60 00	1	1300	1	700
Glenfield and Courtney.....	.....	.....	22 25	25	270 48	30 00	1	1300	1	700
Wilton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LARIMORE DISTRICT										
Larimore, Mayville and Park River.....	.....	.....	13 75	1 00	620 40	72 54	1	1500	1	600
Craty.....	.....	.....	12 00	50	321 50	76 32	1	200	.....	.....
Granville and Chicota.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$ 1 00	\$22 60	\$156 25	\$ 7 30	\$3413 66	\$51 51	6	5600	5	\$3100

*Raised for tracts: Jamestown, \$1.25.

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT PETROLEUM,
KENTUCKY, OCTOBER 20-23, 1904

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*.

W. MAYFIELD, *Secretary and Treasurer*. H. O. COATES, *Assistant Secretary*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, W. Mayfield, T. B. Adams.

On Publications—W. Mayfield, H. O. Coates, T. W. Caldwell.

On Reforms—T. B. Adams, J. M. Keen, W. R. Garrison.

On Secret Societies—H. O. Coates, James Elrod, A. G. Fellows.

On Education—W. Mayfield, H. C. Foster, T. W. Caldwell.

On Sunday-schools—T. B. Adams, James Elrod, E. U. Harris.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—H. O. Coates, A. G. Fellows.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—T. B. Adams.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. Mayfield, T. B. Adams, W. R. Garrison, James Elrod.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. O. Coates, three years; W. Mayfield, two years; T. B. Adams.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—W. Mayfield.

On Education—C. G. Heath.

On Sunday-schools—A. G. Fellows.

On Publications—T. B. Adams.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents';
third quarter, Church Extension; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. Mayfield,
H. O. Foster,
W. W. Bates,

T. B. Adams,
R. H. Hinton,
J. M. Keen,

I. H. Justice,
W. N. Matheny,
C. G. Heath,

H. O. Coates,
W. R. Garrison,

DELEGATES

E. U. Harris,
Thomas Hall,

T. W. Caldwell,
D. H. Tickner,

James Elrod,
Robert Huntsman.

Hopkin Ray,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, W. Mayfield, T. B. Adams, James Elrod, E. U. Harris.

4. Who remain on trial? Grant Miller, A. G. Fellows, E. V. Towns.

6. Who are the deacons? J. M. Keen, H. C. Foster, W. N. Matheny, I. H. Justice.

8. Who have located this year? I. H. Justice.

- 11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? C. G. Heath, from the North Dakota conference.
- 13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. A. Manning.
- 14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
- 16-23. See statistical reports.
- 24. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.
- 25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Scottsville, Kentucky, as near the first Thursday in October, 1905, as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was the most harmonious and most largely attended of its history. There has been marked improvement in spirituality, finance and church membership. The saints were greatly edified and encouraged by the preaching of our beloved General Superintendent B. R. Jones.

APPOINTMENTS

- SCOTTSVILLE DISTRICT--T. B. ADAMS, District Elder.
- Scottsville, Petroleum, Mount Carmel and New Roe, W. R. Garrison, Petroleum, Kentucky
Bowling Green, Mt. Zion, Cassaday and Kelley's Chapel.....A. G. Fellows, Smith Grove, "
Beech Grove, Steamport and Seabee.....Grant Miller, Beech Grove, "
R. H. Hinton, H. C. Foster, supernumerary; W. Mayfield, Scottsville, Kentucky, evangelist.
- MAMMOTH CAVE DISTRICT--T. B. ADAMS, District Elder.
- Mount Beulah, Northtown and Cedar Grove.....E. V. Towns, Munfordville, Kentucky
Upton and Talley schoolhouse.....To be supplied
Lewisville.....To be supplied
H. O. Coates, supernumerary; I. H. Justice, located.

- NASHVILLE DISTRICT--T. B. ADAMS, District Elder.
- Gallatin and Cottontown.....To be supplied
Westmoreland, Forest Chapel, Bethlehem and Wolfhill.....George Tucker, supply
Lafayette and Dixon Springs.....To be supplied
Nolinsville and Walker's Chapel.....Hardy Simmons, supply
W. N. Matheny, evangelist.

- TULLAHOMA DISTRICT--T. B. ADAMS, District Elder.
- Zion's Hill, Hillsboro, Logan's Chapel and Manchester.....To be supplied
W. W. Bates, supernumerary.

- ALABAMA DISTRICT--T. B. ADAMS, District Elder.
- New Decatur.....C. G. Heath
Deer Park.....To be supplied

EVANGELISTS

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| Lila Landrum..Bowling Green, Kentucky | Lizzie Klinglis.....Howstertown, Indiana |
| Millie Hughs.....Cassady, " | Genneta West.....Bond, Kentucky |
| Mary E. Kelley.....Petroleum, " | Thomas Hall.....Highland Park, " |
| Emma C. Adams.....211½ Walnut street, Chicago, Illinois. | M. E. Dennis.....Bowling Green, " |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

God's people are ■ separate people. The friendship of the world is enmity with God. The command, "Come out from among them and be ye separate and touch not the unclean thing," is violated when we join ourselves with worldlings in worldly associations. The accompanying promise reads, "And I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters saith the Lord Almighty. We expect to receive its fulfilment only by complying with the conditions God has given. Jesus said, "He that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved; but he that doeth truth cometh to the light that his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God." In the words of our Discipline: "Secrecy is always a ground of suspicion." We cannot pledge our support to things which we are not permitted to investigate, and be clear before God. The most deplorable wickedness and the most vicious crimes are carried on under the cover of the various secret societies. The course of the law is perverted and the administration of justice interfered with. If we fail to lift up our voice against these institutions which so often become an encouragement to vice by shielding the guilty, we shall be partakers of their sins. Their pretended religious character and titles are sufficient of themselves to cause every person of real reverence to say nothing of piety to abstain from all connection with them.

The benevolence of the lodge is a hollow sham. Where one dollar is spent for the relief of the widow and fatherless, many dollars go for purposes which in no way tend to the relief of humanity or the betterment of mankind. By refusing membership to the maimed and disabled they refuse their benefits to those most in need of them. By working to give their members advantages over others, they endeavor to secure to those already more able than their fellows to meet their own needs and the needs of those dependent on them; to secure to them an unjust advantage over those naturally disqualified and thus in need of help. Thus these pretended benevolent societies, not satisfied with sinning against God by withholding their assistance from those most in need of it, in many cases, labor directly to rob their less fortunate neighbors of part of that poor share of earthly good which they in their affliction might be able to secure.

We, as a conference, by the help of God, purpose to stand true to the convictions which God has given us and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE
CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SCOTTSVILLE DISTRICT											
Scottsville.....			\$ 9 00		\$ 80 00	\$ 32 00	\$ 20 00	3	\$ 1250		
Bowling Green.....			9 00		206 65	34 85	24 29	3	1300		
Beech Grove.....					73 28	18 56	5 75				
MAMMOTH CAVE DISTRICT											
Mount Beulah.....					34 64	26 30	21 45	2	750		
Louisville.....						2 10	38 00				
NASHVILLE DISTRICT											
Gallatin.....			29 98		62 00	13 08	35 00	1	800		
Forest Chapel.....						6 30	10 00	2	600		
Nollinsville.....					32 00	6 75	25 00				
LaFayette.....											
TULLAHOMA DISTRICT											
Hillsboro.....			10 45		57 00	31 85		1	300		
New Decatur.....						38 40	65 00				
Conference.....				\$ 2 60							
Total.....			\$ 58 43	\$ 2 60	\$ 534 57	\$ 210 19	\$ 244 49	12	\$ 5000		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

SCOTTSVILLE, MAMMOTH CAVE, NASHVILLE AND TULAHOMA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SCOTTSVILLE DISTRICT	T. B. Adams, District Elder																	
Scottsville.....	W. R. Garrison.....	42	6	48	2	1	1	7	46	5	\$ 4 65	\$ 9 00		\$ 7 50	\$ 5 00			
Bowling Green.....	A. G. Fellows.....	52		52	1	4	1	5	100	5	13 50	9 35		7 80	5 20			
Beech Grove.....	Grant Miller.....	11		11						2								
MAMMOTH CAVE DISTRICT	T. B. Adams, District Elder																	
Mount Beulah.....	H. O. Coates.....	31	5	36						3	8 15	6 12		5 10	3 40			
Louisville.....		12	2	14	1	2	1			1								
NASHVILLE DISTRICT	W. Mayfield, District Elder																	
Gallatin.....	J. M. Keen.....	27		27	1		1	5	30	1	44	4 50		3 75	2 50			\$ 5 00
Forest Chapel.....	George Tucker, supply.....	7		7	1							81						
Nolinsville.....	H. C. Foster.....	10		10	1													
Lafayette.....		4		4														
TULAHOMA DISTRICT	W. Mayfield, District Elder																	
Hillsboro.....	G. T. Coates, supply.....	20		20	2	1	1	6	50	2								
New Decatur.....		10		10														
Public Collections.....											13 05	6 58		5 84	4 10			
Total.....		222	13	235	7	10	5	23	225	19	\$ 40 79	\$ 36 36		\$ 30 30	\$ 20 20			\$ 5 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT KENTON
CHAPEL, LOUISIANA, OCTOBER 27-30, 1904

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*.

S. C. SHAW, *Secretary*.

DAVID DAY, *Treasurer*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—P. C. Kenton, R. F. Crawford.

On Publishing the Minutes—S. C. Shaw.

On Reforms—N. J. Roark, R. F. Crawford.

On Sabbath-schools—P. C. Kenton, E. T. Tindell.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—F. Scott.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—F. Scott, D. Day.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

David Day, president; S. C. Shaw, secretary; R. F. Crawford, treasurer; P. C. Kenton, W. B. Newman.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

David Day, for two years; Frazier Scott, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—W. W. Voight.

On Publications—S. C. Shaw.

On Sabbath-schools—Frazier Scott.

On Reforms—David Day.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

David Day.
P. C. Kenton.

N. J. Roark,

Frazier Scott,

A. J. McKeithen,

DELEGATES

R. F. Crawford,
Tarver Hopkins.

Susan P. Williams, E. T. Tindell,

H. B. Nugent,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, David Day, R. F. Crawford.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Duncan Short, W. W. Voigt.

4. Who remain on trial? W. Whittington, S. C. Shaw, W. B. Newman.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? P. C. Kenton, S. C. Shaw, W. B. Newman.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16-23. See reports and statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Jackson, Mississippi, as near the last week in October, 1905, as is convenient with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-second session of the Louisiana conference was held at Kenton Chapel with General Superintendent B. R. Jones presiding. The conference was well attended and much of the power of God was manifested. A spirit of brotherly love and unity prevailed throughout. There were four sittings of the conference.

W. B. Newman was ordained deacon. Duncan Short and W. W. Voigt were received on trial in the conference. A goodly number were forward for prayer and two were sanctified wholly.

The conference tendered a vote of thanks to Rev. C. W. Stamp and wife for their faithful and effectual services rendered in their meetings held within the bounds of this conference last summer and also request that they come and hold meetings for us again next summer.

The conference also tendered a vote of thanks to General Superintendent B. R. Jones for the able, loving way in which he presided over the conference, and the inspiring sermons preached, with the helpful, timely talks made to the conference; also to the good people of Kenton Chapel for their kind hospitality shown to the conference and its visitors.

We rejoice to say that after so long a time of working and waiting, that for the last few months victory is coming and the little old Louisiana conference is reviving. All pray for us. A collection of \$26 was taken to pay all the conference deficiencies.

The committee appointed to procure the parchments of J. E. Beasley reports that he corresponded with J. E. Beasley but failed to get any reply from him, and that his parchments have not been delivered.

On motion it was ordered that the parchments of the said J. E. Beasley be and are hereby revoked.

APPOINTMENTS

WELCOME HOME DISTRICT—DAVID DAY, District Elder, Winnsboro, Louisiana.

Franklin circuit.....	Frazier Scott, Winnsboro, Louisiana
Welcome Home and Summerville.....	Duncan Short, Summerville, "
Black River and Big Island circuit.....	N. J. Roark, Aimwell, "

W. Whittington, P. C. Kenton, left without appointment; David Day, member of Welcome Home district quarterly conference.

WESSON DISTRICT—D. DAY, District Elder.

Jackson, Hazlehurst and Wesson.....	S. C. Shaw, Wesson, Mississippi
Beaver Dam, Beasley Chapel and New Hope.....	W. B. Newman, Georgetown, "
McHenry.....	To be supplied

A. J. McKeithen, left without appointment.

CASCILLA DISTRICT—D. DAY, District Elder.

Stonefield circuit.....	W. W. Voight, Cascilla, Mississippi
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$43.23.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$23.58.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$19.65.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$13.10.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$19.65.

Total, \$119.21.

DAVID DAY, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WELCOME HOME, WESSON AND CASCILLA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members		Probationers										Total									
		Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Clam- ants' Fund	General Superin- tendents' Claim	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socie- ties								
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT	David Day, District Elder	32	18	50	1	1	6	20	4	6 27	8 43	2 85	2 85	1 90									
	P. C. Kenton	23	8	31	1	1	6	20	6	7 59	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30									
	Duncan Short	26	8	34	3	3	8	80	6	5 28	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60									
	N. J. Roark	19	7	26	1	1	8	80	3	3 90	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20									
	David Day, District Elder	21	3	24	1	1	8	80	3	3 90	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20									
	Wesson, Hazlehurst and Jackson Ct.	21	3	24	1	1	8	80	3	3 90	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20									
	Beasley Chapel, Beaver Dam, etc.	3	3	6	1	1	8	80	3	3 90	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20									
	McHenry circuit	16	16	32	1	1	8	80	3	3 90	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20									
	David Day, District Elder	16	16	32	1	1	8	80	3	3 90	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20									
	W. B. Numan	16	16	32	1	1	8	80	3	3 90	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20									
Stonefield circuit	16	16	32	1	1	8	80	3	3 90	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20										
Total		140	33	173	6	3	2	14	100	20	34 23	18 80	15 60	10 40									

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT											
Franklin circuit.....			6 30		155 00	29 45	29 45	10 00	10 00	1	250
Welcome Home, Summerville Ct.....					183 97	22 00	22 00	32 00	32 00	1	400
Black River.....					106 75	32 00	32 00	40 00	40 00	1	450
WESSON DISTRICT											
Wesson, Hazlehurst, Jackson Ct.....			12 50		58 60	32 00	32 00	7 50	7 50	2	800
Beasley Chapel, Beaver Dam, etc.....					25 15	38 15	38 15	32 00	32 00	1	1000
McHenry circuit.....						47 60	47 60	14 70	14 70	1	250
CASCILLA DISTRICT											
Stonefield circuit.....					37 50	47 60	47 60	50 00	50 00	1	250
Total.....			\$ 19 00		\$ 515 27	\$ 218 65	\$ 171 50	\$ 10 10	\$ 3000	1	\$ 250

TEXAS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ROCKWALL,
TEXAS, NOVEMBER 2-5, 1904

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*.

R. A. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

W. C. ROSE, *Assistant Secretary*.

W. H. WINTERS, *Statistical Secretary*.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster.

On Publications—R. A. Thompson, W. H. Winters, R. E. Elkins.

On Reforms—J. G. Adams, J. F. Hendricks, S. H. Owens.

On Education—George McCulloch, J. F. Hendricks, E. E. Chandler.

On Sunday-schools—M. L. Lancaster, M. M. Lowery, W. M. Adams.

On Publishing the Minutes—R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—George McCulloch, W. H. Winters.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—S. H. Owens.

On the State of the Work—R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose.

Conference Treasurer—George McCulloch.

On Complimentary Resolutions—W. H. Winters, R. A. Thompson.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. H. Lathrop, S. H. Owens, one year; George McCulloch, L. A. Miller, W. M. Adams, two years; R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

George McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, E. E. Chandler, R. E. Elkins.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

George McCulloch, W. C. Rose, R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster, W. H. Winters.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—W. H. Winters.

On Sunday-schools—M. L. Lancaster.

On Education—George McCulloch.

On Reforms—J. G. Adams.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents) and public collection for Foreign Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' (18 cents); third quarter, Church Extension (10 cents) and Home Missions (15 cents); fourth quarter Conference Claimants' (37 cents); Permanent Fund (5 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

George McCulloch,
W. C. Rose,
J. F. Hendricks,
T. J. Jacks,

R. A. Thompson,
L. A. Miller,
W. H. Winters,
F. D. Palmer,

M. L. Lancaster,
W. M. Adams,
R. E. Fletcher,
J. O. Hockett,

W. H. Lathrop,
S. H. Owens,
J. L. Wyche,
R. G. Swanson.

DELEGATES

T. F. Anderson,	T. W. Silas,	J. M. Hendricks,	R. C. Morton.
R. E. Elkins,	John Windsor,	L. O. Cornelious,	E. E. Chandler,
M. A. Hicks,	I. W. Payne,	J. E. Lefler,	A. J. Taber,
M. M. Lowery,	D. O. Brown,	T. J. Verner.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, W. C. Rose, R. A. Thompson, R. E. Elkins, E. E. Chandler.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. S. Hill, C. W. Johnson, John Smith, C. A. Perkins, J. L. Watson, I. C. Tipton, O. N. Howell, F. M. Rollins.
4. Who remain on trial? J. G. Adams, L. P. Morris, A. B. Harrell, B. F. Harris.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? R. G. Swanson.
6. Who are the deacons? J. F. Hendricks, J. G. Adams, S. H. Owens, T. J. Jacks, *R. G. Swanson.
- 7, 8, 9. None.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? W. H. Lathrop.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? F. D. Palmer, J. O. Hockett, from the Colorado conference; H. G. Ahlemeyer, from the Central Illinois conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. B. McBride.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. None.
- 16-23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Greenville, Texas, as near November 1, 1905, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

DALLAS DISTRICT—GEORGE McCULLOCH, District Elder, 197 McKinnom street, Dallas, Texas.

Dallas.....	W. C. Rose, 195 Cedar Springs street, Dallas, Texas
Ennis and Muirhead.....	J. L. Wyche, Ennis, "
Cleburne circuit.....	George Anderson, supply, Cleburne, "
Fort Worth.....	W. H. Winters, Fort Worth, "
Oak and Ingle Chapel.....	S. H. Owens, R. F. D. No. 3, Waxahachie, "
Paradise and Hopewell.....	L. P. Morris, Paradise, "
Collinsville and Weatherford.....	W. M. Adams, R. F. D. No. 1 Fort Worth, "
Abilene.....	J. F. Hendricks, Hodges, "
J. G. Adams, evangelist.	

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—H. G. AHLEMEYER, Local Elder.

San Antonio and San Marcos.....	H. G. Ahlemeyer, 107 Sharer street, San Antonio, Texas
Rockdale.....	C. C. Schulz, supply, Tracy, "

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—R. A. THOMPSON, District Elder, 516 Thomas avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Greenville, Campbell and Kingston.....	L. A. Miller, Greenville, Texas
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*Ordained this year.

Rockwall circuit.....	J. O. Hockett, Rockwell, Texas
Terrell, Bachelor and Lawrence.....	C. A. Perkins, O. N. Howell, Terrell, "
Roddy and Van circuit.....	W. S. Hill, Index, "
Quinlan circuit.....	R. E. Fletcher, Quinlan, "
Dekalb circuit.....	M. M. Lowery, Dekalb, "
Bagwell circuit.....	I. C. Tipton, Brashear, "
Alba, Foresthill and Rock Springs.....	B. F. Harris, John Smith, Winsboro, "

F. D. Palmer, evangelist, Greenville, Texas; J. B. McBride, given a certificate of standing in view of transfer to Oklahoma conference.

NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT—M. L. LANCASTER, District Elder, Greenville, Texas.

Nacogdoches, Appleby and Canaan	R. G. Swanson, Nacogdoches, Texas
Zavalla and Homer circuit.....	A. B. Harrell, Zavalla, "
Bronson, Edgar Chapel and Brookland.....	T. J. Jacks, Bronson, "
Sharpville, Chireno and McClellan.....	C. W. Johnson, Sharpville, "
Kirbyville, Lewis Chapel and Peachtree.....	D. M. Spell, Kirbyville, "
Big Sandy, Starrville and Tyler.....	J. L. Watson, Big Sandy, "

LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

Warren Parker.....	Corsicana, Texas	George Anderson.....	Oleburne, Texas
J. N. Wilson.....	Melrose, "	J. S. Hill.....	Greenville, "
F. J. Verner.....	Van, "	L. D. Wright.....	Byron, "
	J. N. Whitehead.....		Ripley, Mississippi

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

O. E. Rose.....	Dallas, Texas	J. F. Anderson.....	Greenville, Texas
W. R. Hill.....	Dallas, "	T. J. Kinningham.....	" "
Ada Edwards.....	Dallas, "	M. L. Lamb.....	" "
A. A. Dubose.....	Zavalla, "	M. W. Burgess.....	" "
John Gray.....	Pilot Point, "	T. H. Coppage.....	" "
G. R. Williams.....	Bagwell, "	Ada Coppage.....	" "
A. E. Hallmark.....	Oak, "	Lilly Palmer.....	" "
L. P. Coffman.....	Springtown, "	— Sandford.....	" "
Pearl Foote.....	R. F. D. No. 3, Lavan, "	J. E. Stowe.....	Zavalla, "
Almira Adams.....	R. F. D. No. 1, Fort Worth, Texas.	O. H. Scott.....	Pipe Creek, Hodges post box, Texas.
F. M. Jackson.....	Long, Texas	W. A. Nash.....	Joy, Oklahoma
W. D. McGraw.....	Colmesneil, "	M. J. Peppers.....	Ennis, Texas
Doxie Bynum.....	Waxahachie, "	Rebecca Belk.....	Ozro, "
Joe Crouch.....	Collinsville, "	D. Brigg.....	Uz, "
John Grayham.....	Collinsville, "	E. R. Fitzgerald.....	Collinsville, "
L. O. Cornelious.....	Ennis, "	E. E. Williams.....	San Antonio, "
M. J. Watts.....	Hodges, "	S. Wiley.....	Dallas, "
J. B. Perkins.....	Weatherford, "	W. L. Delamar.....	Zavalla, "
Sadie Huffman.....	Kirbyville, "	Eva Huffman.....	Kirbyville, "

MISCELLANEOUS

This was conceded by all to be the best session that was ever held in Texas. General Superintendent B. R. Jones was at his zenith, a most lovable man, and one who grows on our hands. His preaching was grand and his presiding ability all anyone could desire.

Rev. A. L. Whitcomb, president of Greenville College, was also present as a visitor, doing most excellent preaching. He also represented the college and received while among us over \$400 in cash and subscriptions, and all unite in saying, "Come again."

The deficiency in conference collections was raised by public collection.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a very interesting meeting Sunday at 3 p. m., taking a collection of \$23.66. This society has raised during the year, \$124.91.

The growth of both membership and preachers is very gratifying and we enter upon the duties of another year of grace most hopefully.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$238.64.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$94.20.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$113.04.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$62.80.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$125.60.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The subject of publications we conceive is most vital to the welfare of humanity both severally and collectively, far more so than what we shall eat and drink or what we shall wear. The baneful effects of bad or indifferent reading matter is seen and felt on every hand, while that of the opposite character is found to be the fundamental principle of substantial intellectuality, almost universally. Mental companionships and environment are equally as forcible in the formation of habit and character as physical or social. Therefore from slowly formed conclusions based upon thoughtful consideration of the wholesome literature issued from our own publishing house and the good books handled by it to the exclusion of poisonous or reprehensible stuff, we feel to especially commend the same. Not that we have more, better, or cheaper books than others but because we believe we have fewer of the other character.

The course of study for young preachers we consider most excellent and lament the fact that those who read much other matter excuse themselves for not passing good examination, with the well-worn fallacy, "I hadn't time to bring it up." Such men sooner or later have other troubles. Those incident upon poor appointments when better or more industrious men merit and receive the better ones.

The *Free Methodist* and our hymn and song books should be in every home and church. We especially commend the "Light and Life" song book. It is a gem of its sort and its compilers merit our thanks, and it deserves and will doubtless reach a large circulation.

Trusting all the brethren may be very diligent in the use and circulation of a greater volume of wholesome publications we respectfully submit this report.

III.—ON REFORMS.

Reformation is not salvation, but salvation with proper enlightenment will bring about all needed reforms. We therefore urge our people to hold up as our watchword and the fundamental principle of our profession, holiness unto the Lord. We believe that where people are genuinely converted and sanctified that their minds are renewed by the Holy Ghost and they have a keen perception as to what is right or wrong. And are able to prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

We believe that our preachers should prepare themselves and preach on all questions of moral reform. Most especially such momentous questions as temperance, prohibition, the use of tobacco, theater going, card-playing, Sunday base and football playing and Sunday railroad excursions, the buying and selling of goods on Sunday, and all other Sabbath desecrations. However these things should be considered as secondary and should not take the place of salvation, for salvation is of the Lord, neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

We are glad to note an increase in the temperance and prohibition sentiment in Texas. There are about 156 counties out of the 246 that are totally dry and the remaining ninety are partially dry.

We further notice that where the standard of holiness is held up before the people that these needed reforms are perceptibly advanced. We believe that every truly sanctified and enlightened person is a prohibitionist at heart. So let us press the grand old doctrine of entire sanctification, for we believe that it is the only real solution of these great questions, they being the fruit of the gospel of full salvation through Jesus.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

DALLAS, SAN ANTONIO, GREENVILLE AND NACOGDOCHES DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Conference Funds	General Superintendents' Claims	Conference Missions	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Missions
DALLAS DISTRICT																			
	W. C. Rose, District Elder																		
Dallas.....	George McCulloch	69	7	66	4	2	1	7	50	11	\$ 19.60	\$ 9.18	\$ 9.18	\$ 15.55	\$ 7.65	\$ 5.10		\$ 13.00	\$ 37.12
Ennis and Muirhead.....	J. L. Wyche	26	13	39	1	2	1	4	27	3	9.50	4.50	4.50	5.00	3.75	2.50		25.00	5.00
Ft. Worth.....	W. M. Adams.....	21	7	28	1	1	1	9	48	4	10.20	4.68	4.68	4.20	4.05	2.70			
Oak.....	S. H. Owens.....	31	4	35	1	1	1	6	50	5	14.06	6.66	6.66	7.40	5.55	3.70		8.45	
Paradise and Hopewell.....	L. P. Morris.....	42	17	59	2	2	2	10	30	7	12.50	6.94	6.94	4.95	6.60	3.34			
Collinsville.....	W. C. Rose, supply	18	2	20	2					2	5.70	2.70	2.70	3.00	2.25	1.50			
Ingle Chapel.....	Joe Crouch, supply	17		17	1	1				2	6.46	3.06	3.06	3.40	2.55	1.70			
Ablene.....	J. F. Hendricks.....	14	2	14	1					3	2.28	1.08	1.08	1.20	.90	.60			
Weatherford.....	W. C. Rose, supply	6		6	1					1									
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT																			
	W. C. Rose, District Elder																		
San Antonio and San Marcos.....	W. H. Winters.....	16	11	27	1	1	3	13	53	10	7.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	3.00	2.00		2.00	
Rockdale.....	C. C. Schulz, supply	3		3	1					1	1.14	.54	.54	.60	.45	.30			
GREENVILLE DISTRICT																			
	R. A. Thompson, Dist. Elder																		
Greenville circuit.....	L. A. Miller.....	102	8	110	9	2	2	14	95	6	22.04	10.44	10.44	11.00	8.70	5.80		10.00	
Terrell and Bachelor.....	C. A. Perkins, supply	44	7	51	1	1	1	11	80	6	25.08	11.88	11.88	13.20	9.90	6.60		26.00	
Rockwall circuit.....	M. L. Lancaster.....	44		44	1	2	12				19.38	9.18	9.18	7.65	5.10				
Big Sandy circuit.....	Ben F. Harris.....	50	11	61	2	2				2	18.92	8.92	8.92	9.80	7.35	4.90			
Mabank and Van.....	S. F. Worley.....	37	2	39	2	1	6	50			5.00	2.43	2.43	4.80	3.00				
Quinlan.....	R. E. Fletcher.....	26	3	29	1						4.56	2.16	2.16	2.40	1.80	1.20			
NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT																			
	R. A. Thompson, Dist. Elder																		
Nacadoches circuit.....	R. G. Swanson.....	32	1	33	1	1	1	8	15	6	12.54	5.94	5.94	4.68					
Zavalla and Homer.....	A. B. Harrell.....	65	11	76	4	3	4	19	152	3	13.15	6.24	6.24	16.20	5.17	3.45			
Bronson and Edgar Chapel.....	T. J. Jacks.....	25		25		2	8	66			2.25	2.10	2.10	2.25	1.60				
McClellan Chapel.....	W. H. Lathrop.....	9		9						2	3.42	1.62	1.62	1.20	.76				
Total.....		707	106	813	39	19	93	122	716	84	\$ 211.68	\$ 106.92	\$ 106.92	\$ 126.63	\$ 84.93	\$ 55.09		\$ 79.45	\$ 42.12

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Conference Claimants Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
DALLAS DISTRICT											
Dallas.....	\$ 6 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 64 87	.....	\$ 455 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 70 00	1	1300	1	750
Ennis and Muirhead.....					390 60	50 00	8 00	2	2000	1	500
Ft. Worth.....		65	16 00		265 35	56 05	32 17	1	1550	.....	.....
Oak.....			10 50		300 00	68 20	62 55	1	500	1	350
Paradise and Hopewell.....			14 14		254 55	70 00	62 50	1	400	1	150
Collinsville.....						30 00	10 35				
Ingle Chapel.....						34 40		1	500		
Abilene.....	1 50				30 90	41 40					
Weatherford.....							47 95				
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT											
San Antonio and San Marcos.....	1 00	1 00	45 92	.....	400 00	45 45		2	1100	1	1000
Rockdale.....						50 20					
GREENVILLE DISTRICT											
Greenville circuit.....			25 00		400 00	79 60		1	1000	1	500
Terrell and Bachelor.....		16 50	18 00		360 00	80 00	41 85	2	1500	2	700
Rockwall circuit.....			14 00		327 40	52 00	30 00	1	800	1	300
Big Sandy circuit.....					161 00	12 20	14 00	1	175	1	200
Mabank and Van.....			7 00		89 25	20 11	60 00	1	300		
Quinlan.....					107 27	8 00	27 47			1	300
NACODOCHES DISTRICT											
Nacodoches circuit.....			3 58		212 90	45 00	29 50	2	1200	1	300
Zavalla and Homer.....			20 85		242 35	60 85	43 30	1	600		
Bronson and Edgar Chapel.....			7 00		125 00	35 46	20 00	2	550		
McClellan Chapel.....					98 00	34 55					
Total.....	\$ 8 50	\$20 65	\$ 241 86	\$31 40	\$4189 57	\$ 971 47	\$ 549 74	19	\$ 12875	13	\$5550
Raised for tracts, \$2.65.											



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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCES

CONFERENCES	Members										Delegates to									
	Probationers										Church Extension and Aid Society									
	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Three Methodist Taken"	Conf. Ants' Fund	General Superin-	Conferece Mis-	General Missions	General Claim	Church Extension	Aid Society	Delegates to					
Arkansas and Southern Missouri, California.....	279	23	302	18	7	8	41	297	46	\$ 42	25	47	31	36	97	\$ 23	68	23	68	23
Central Illinois.....	323	45	368	16	19	12	78	424	71	89	89	46	26	88	53	23	62	23	62	23
Colorado.....	1506	180	1686	26	30	320	1950	231	473	20	269	78	108	90	123	05	123	05	123	05
Columbia River.....	333	50	383	15	13	92	625	63	108	90	63	40	20	49	50	33	00	33	00	33
East Michigan.....	213	47	260	9	4	15	87	426	80	63	03	34	38	40	20	49	50	33	00	33
East Ontario.....	1746	271	2017	38	22	80	527	2858	280	640	74	290	89	240	65	256	58	128	24	128
Genesee.....	574	117	691	15	9	26	136	854	118	191	43	105	66	137	95	188	24	188	24	188
Illinois.....	1536	209	1744	29	11	54	429	2390	390	482	02	268	74	292	60	217	58	132	20	132
Iowa.....	982	113	1115	21	23	36	261	1760	255	812	90	169	72	207	57	141	30	92	60	92
Kansas.....	708	40	748	25	12	36	204	1242	158	237	89	28	67	63	82	105	20	70	18	70
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	875	102	977	42	22	42	262	1194	391	138	62	122	61	64	82	111	67	69	24	69
Louisiana.....	222	13	235	7	10	6	23	226	19	40	79	38	36	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Maine.....	140	33	173	6	3	2	14	100	20	34	23	15	60	15	60	15	60	15	60	15
Michigan.....	908	104	1007	14	4	28	193	978	133	303	27	166	42	137	85	137	85	91	90	91
Minnesota and North Iowa.....	282	23	305	16	6	16	85	458	100	103	62	64	72	29	38	45	60	30	40	30
Missouri.....	242	24	266	15	6	14	78	431	49	79	86	42	86	24	80	38	72	24	20	24
Nebraska.....	242	36	278	11	4	24	121	585	108	97	89	58	81	44	05	63	21	26	00	26
New York.....	1097	110	1207	35	11	30	146	1997	154	369	37	127	52	255	80	163	35	108	90	108
North Dakota.....	168	27	195	8	4	6	46	1007	80	132	42	67	32	138	40	24	06	15	90	15
North Indiana.....	443	65	508	14	7	16	198	692	50	132	42	67	32	138	40	24	06	15	90	15
North Michigan.....	1728	209	1937	50	14	86	516	2513	307	509	62	290	94	227	68	146	43	37	40	37
North Minnesota.....	271	53	320	6	1	11	71	497	57	94	11	45	34	27	68	34	40	34	65	34
Ohio.....	906	116	1022	28	16	48	316	1394	908	265	24	145	69	70	60	110	84	84	84	84
Oklahoma.....	1603	253	1856	33	13	44	482	2341	358	527	56	289	73	240	30	188	27	188	27	188
Oregon.....	704	82	786	25	11	24	105	749	181	191	94	108	69	122	30	68	27	68	27	68
Pittsburg.....	1385	291	1676	46	16	51	406	2400	302	433	09	228	07	240	70	187	15	122	00	122
Platte River.....	460	56	516	20	16	21	131	693	128	136	95	74	70	178	05	62	55	41	50	41
Southern California.....	410	34	444	14	14	15	91	596	117	122	62	59	99	76	75	50	20	32	43	32
South Dakota.....	438	43	481	18	10	18	91	452	128	141	92	80	56	57	91	67	20	84	47	84
Susquehanna.....	1308	137	1445	22	11	46	308	1720	114	435	12	298	28	240	70	190	89	403	63	403
Texas.....	707	106	813	39	19	23	122	716	84	211	68	106	32	126	63	84	83	55	09	55
Washington.....	832	110	942	15	8	42	249	1205	218	258	69	138	03	141	23	115	60	71	71	71
West Iowa.....	644	145	789	14	7	27	174	1054	160	182	85	96	25	81	15	90	25	52	80	52
West Kansas.....	607	107	714	14	6	34	173	805	126	191	40	104	40	88	00	87	00	58	00	58
West Ontario.....	582	61	643	15	14	21	132	637	157	187	11	102	18	86	70	85	05	56	80	56
Wisconsin.....	641	115	756	14	21	28	136	798	132	106	98	117	59	141	82	98	20	66	45	66
Wisconsin.....	782	119	901	25	19	33	179	906	169	278	94	148	55	175	92	121	62	60	51	60
Total.....	27364	3761	31125	738	488	1109	6056	38534	5565	\$8490	14	\$1458	13	\$4440	34	\$3370	22	\$2400	69	\$ 79

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	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re-ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangeli-ists' Re-ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson-ages Property
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 11 00	\$ 486 80	\$ 2 65	\$ 3 60	\$ 60 22	\$ 55	\$ 585 70	\$ 546 05	\$ 40 00	\$	\$ 2750	1	\$ 300
California.....	132 51	436 80	15 06	9 93	202 07	48 06	9716 42	622 58	250 95	10	13750	19	8400
Central Illinois.....	42 07	393 84	11 28	9 10	302 03	16 50	9716 42	1377 58	1196 86	59	53750	19	10450
Colorado.....	43 07	393 84	11 28	9 10	302 03	16 50	9716 42	1377 58	1196 86	59	53750	19	10450
Columbia River.....	113 84	385 15	5 78	7 67	329 97	9 55	3276 35	458 88	218 09	10	7500	9	3880
Eastern Michigan.....	51 61	439 49	49 80	29 38	1048 51	57 88	14784 80	1629 00	1308 67	79	64300	41	23100
East Ontario.....	55 20	478 92	102 19	52 94	324 33	13 90	4571 36	1023 46	12 25	33	64300	41	23100
Illinois.....	65 61	478 92	102 19	52 94	324 33	13 90	4571 36	1023 46	12 25	33	64300	41	23100
Indiana.....	65 61	478 92	102 19	52 94	324 33	13 90	4571 36	1023 46	12 25	33	64300	41	23100
Iowa.....	212 04	1032 21	22 05	17 15	1383 84	68 26	15146 34	1703 88	165 37	46	110850	34	44900
Kansas.....	171 65	80 66	3 01	20 31	484 15	26 06	6222 91	1009 35	307 61	38	39400	22	21700
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	110 89	143 76	10 01	20 31	546 39	31 81	7805 14	1285 13	703 23	25	19344	24	11610
Louisiana.....	163 06	78 47	10 71	9 99	574 81	45 95	8628 84	1098 21	125 70	44	40800	18	15950
Michigan.....	67 98	41 90	18 35	15 50	195 88	15 20	3564 65	584 56	389 80	13	15900	11	8900
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	10 60	61 06	1 71	6 41	56 23	7 55	1849 23	624 89	60 10	12	6000	12	5075
Missouri.....	9 79	51 06	1 71	6 41	56 23	7 55	1849 23	624 89	60 10	12	6000	12	5075
Nebraska.....	478 08	383 73	15 29	15 69	719 56	37 95	9220 74	2481 76	168 88	14	14300	11	6700
New York.....	107 40	265 79	1 00	22 60	158 25	7 30	3613 66	681 51	74 93	6	83500	9	11900
North Dakota.....	86 66	167 35	10 70	9 21	338 63	18 90	3409 03	680 09	132 08	16	18400	5	3100
North Indiana.....	126 70	22 52	3 19	8 84	934 14	72 51	13525 25	1384 82	129 25	71	69725	39	5260
North Michigan.....	3 05	90 12	3 19	8 84	934 14	72 51	13525 25	1384 82	129 25	71	69725	39	5260
North Minnesota.....	130 17	378 96	38 10	21 75	428 67	79 85	17463 60	3085 07	643 52	78	10500	9	4825
Ohio.....	641 74	1804 84	12 61	19 02	361 36	26 32	4630 74	866 12	282 43	13	18300	36	27050
Oklahoma.....	6 85	281 85	4 00	1 89	288 38	30 40	18063 77	283 84	691 01	16	12065	10	4500
Oregon.....	13 24	486 51	4 00	1 89	288 38	30 40	18063 77	283 84	691 01	16	12065	10	4500
Pittsburg.....	71 95	708 94	24 41	9 35	398 61	20 75	4931 98	801 34	157 24	12	21300	12	21300
Piute River.....	288 18	137 83	5 53	5 47	158 28	17 01	4097 47	572 12	233 36	13	9275	18	4385
Southern California.....	367 72	692 38	21 52	31 95	870 74	52 24	15093 12	1342 81	364 66	47	23400	12	9400
South Dakota.....	367 72	692 38	21 52	31 95	870 74	52 24	15093 12	1342 81	364 66	47	23400	12	9400
Susquehanna.....	79 42	42 12	5 81	7 80	637 72	34 92	6113 90	971 47	549 74	19	13875	25	38225
Texas.....	36 88	130 95	5 81	7 80	637 72	34 92	6113 90	971 47	549 74	19	13875	25	38225
Washington.....	147 75	961 81	30 40	20 47	829 31	24 00	7028 19	1084 69	738 40	18	47200	20	13050
West Virginia.....	13 85	184 38	2 25	7 79	346 60	24 00	7028 19	1084 69	738 40	18	47200	20	13050
West Iowa.....	59 06	621 06	11 51	16 19	250 66	28 45	5463 26	805 11	354 22	18	33350	15	12600
West Kansas.....	13 85	184 38	2 25	7 79	346 60	24 00	7028 19	1084 69	738 40	18	47200	20	13050
West Ontario.....	28 00	508 05	1 40	10 51	375 88	25 05	6109 91	1084 69	15 01	25	14300	14	6860
Wisconsin.....	179 22	480 65	8 75	10 51	412 80	28 15	7239 88	1499 19	589 77	42	53700	13	9500
Total.....	\$4241 55	15038 71	\$ 433 68	\$ 474 79	\$ 17797 37	\$381 15	\$262376 31	\$ 4013 68	\$ 13256 87	1035	\$ 1,274,586	569	\$ 46075

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS—1904

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING

The committee met at 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, October 11, 1904.

General Superintendent E. P. Hart called the committee to order, conducted the devotional exercises, and presided.

The following members were present: E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellw, W. T. Hogue, M. B. Miller, F. H. Ashcraft, Thomas Sully, A. Beers, C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. H. Porter, J. Graham, J. H. Moss, J. S. McCay.

The following persons were elected directors for the Publishing House: E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellw, W. T. Hogue, F. H. Ashcraft, J. H. Porter, Thomas Sully.

The secretary reported that the following applications had been granted during the year, and the proper release given: To sell church property at Gardner, Illinois; Ludington, Michigan; Athens circuit, Ohio; DuBois, Pennsylvania; to sell parsonage property at Kalkaska, Michigan; Delta, Ohio; to mortgage church at Glenwood avenue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; to deed church and parsonage property at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, as security for money borrowed; to sell church and parsonage property at Fremont, Indiana.

Permission was granted to sell property as follows: Churches at Harland, Kansas; Woodland Park, Colorado; on the Glen Elder and Cawker City circuit, Kansas; San Marcial, New Mexico; Sharon, Wisconsin; Dallas City, Illinois; Chester, West Virginia; Fairfield, Nebraska. Parsonages at Alma, Nebraska; Franklinville, New York. Church lot at Whittier, California.

The publishing agent was instructed to pay J. D. Marsh, T. B. Arnold and Miss Edith Roberts, ten dollars each for services on the new song book.

The publishing agent was authorized to purchase a type-setting machine for the Publishing House.

It was reported to the committee that a trust deed had been executed by J. C. Keen of South Dakota, to the general conference, conveying a farm in South Dakota, and that connected with the deed was a contract binding the general conference to certain conditions in managing the property and expending the proceeds. The committee accepted the trust created by the deed.

The following resolution was adopted and ordered published in the *Free Methodist*:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that all applications for the sale of church property should be made through the secretary of the committee and that the consent of the members of the committee to any proposed sale should be obtained by the secretary and not by personal application to the individual members of the committee; that the secretary of the committee be instructed to charge a fee of one dollar to cover expenses of postage, notary public and proper certification.

(Signed) W. A. SELLEW.

The organization of a new conference in Texas, was authorized, provided the general superintendent holding the Texas conference deems it advisable.

W. T. Hogue and W. B. Rose were appointed a committee to attend to the sale of some lots in Harvey, Illinois, which were ordered sold.

W. T. Hogue, B. R. Jones and F. H. Ashcraft were appointed a committee to consider the matter of securing an office editor for the Sunday-school literature. This committee

recommended the employment of an office editor capable of doing thoroughly the duties usually belonging to such an office. The report of the committee was adopted.

In view of the fact that *In Mission Lands* is regarded a Sabbath-school publication, it was, on motion, ordered that the editorship of that publication be placed under the supervision of W. B. Olmstead.

A report of a committee appointed by the General Missionary Board to consider a memorial from the missionaries in Africa, and referred to the Executive Committee, was, on motion, received and upon a recommendation in the same, it was ordered that one of the general superintendents be sent to the foreign field, to organize the Africa work into a conference, and to visit the mission stations in other countries. W. A. Sellow was elected on the second ballot, as the general superintendent who shall go to the foreign field.

The committee on ways and means, appointed by the last general conference to raise \$25,000 for educational purposes, reported that they had organized with F. H. Ashcraft, president, and J. S. M'Geary, secretary.

The committee to prepare and publish a new song book, reported that they had prepared and published the "Light and Life Songs." The report was accepted.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES

Treasurer's Report, 1903-1904

CONFERENCE	Appor- tionment	Surplus, 1903	Deficit, 1903	Paid, 1904	Surplus, 1904	Deficit, 1904
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 47 70	\$ 05		\$ 47 65		
California.....	47 34		\$ 16	47 34		
Central Illinois.....	265 68			273 52	\$ 7 74	
Colorado.....	59 40	54		59 40		
Columbia River.....	34 38			34 38		
East Michigan.....	311 04		20 81	303 42		\$ 7 62
East Ontario.....	107 10			107 10		
Genesee.....	272 16		6 10	271 46		70
Illinois.....	180 18		13 39	165 55		14 63
Iowa.....	133 38	27		133 38		
Kansas.....	142 74	1 68		142 74		
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	36 36			36 36		
Louisiana.....	23 58			23 58		
Michigan.....	165 42		23 58	165 42		
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	54 72			54 72		
Missouri.....	43 74	69		45 18	1 44	
Nebraska.....	72 54			72 54		
New York.....	196 02			196 02		
North Dakota.....	28 08	7 25		27 68		40
North Indiana.....	67 32		1 02	67 32		
North Michigan.....	303 30			303 30		
North Minnesota.....	47 34	9 35		47 34		
Ohio.....	159 66			159 66		
Oil City.....	286 20			286 20		
Oklahoma.....	119 52			119 52		
Oregon.....	74 88	1 09		74 88		
Pittsburg.....	227 88			227 88		
Platte River.....	74 70			74 70		
Southern California.....	71 82			71 82		
South Dakota.....	80 28	4 36		80 28		
Susquehanna.....	244 98			244 98		
Texas.....	113 04	62		113 04		
Wabash.....	146 88			146 88		
Washington.....	99 30			99 30	06	
West Iowa.....	104 40			104 40		
West Kansas.....	102 06			102 06		
West Ontario.....	111 42			111 42		
Wisconsin.....	152 10			152 10		
Total.....	\$ 4808 62	\$ 16 55	\$ 74 41	\$4794 58	\$ 9 24	\$ 23 35

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICERS

REV. W. T. HOGUE, President.

REV. W. A. SELLEW, Vice President.

THOMAS SULLY, Recording Secretary.

REV. M. B. MILLER, Corresponding Secretary.

REV. C. B. EBEBY, Treasurer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1904

The board met at 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, October 11, 1904.

The president, W. T. Hogue, called the meeting to order, conducted the devotional exercises and presided.

The following members were present: W. T. Hogue, E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, F. H. Ashcraft, M. B. Miller, J. H. Porter, J. S. McCay, J. H. Moss, J. Graham, C. B. Ebey, A. Beers, Thomas Sully.

The committee on recognition of schools reported, recommending the recognition of Los Angeles Seminary, and that the same be placed on the list of recognized schools. On motion the report was adopted.

The following loans were recommended, and on motion granted: W. A. Boddy, Seattle, Washington, \$30; S. D. Helm, Seattle, Washington, \$30; W. E. Burlison, Seattle, Washington, \$70; L. C. Munns, Evansville, Wisconsin, \$50; Alice E. Ruch, Orleans, Nebraska, \$50; H. K. Damon, Greenville, Illinois, \$75; F. E. Bennett, Greenville, Illinois, \$75; Miss Daisy Thompson, Greenville, Illinois, \$80; Sophia Ebberman, North Chili, New York, \$100; E. M. Adair, Greenville, Illinois, \$100; H. L. Smith, Spring Arbor, Michigan, \$25; Harriet Adams, \$75; C. A. Isbell, \$90. Total, \$850.

A. Beers, M. B. Miller and B. R. Jones were elected a committee to revise the rules and blank form governing applications for loans, and to provide blanks to conform to the By-laws.

The corresponding secretary was instructed to send out printed instructions to further stimulate the contributions to the Educational and Children's Day Funds.

The following committees were elected:

Finance Committee—W. T. Hogue, C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. Graham, M. B. Miller.

Auditing Committee—W. A. Sellew, A. Beers, Thomas Sully.

On Appropriations—W. H. Clark, F. H. Ashcraft, J. S. McCay, M. B. Miller, C. B. Ebey.

On Location of Educational Institutions—E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, J. H. Moss.

On Cancellation of Loans—B. R. Jones, W. T. Hogue, J. H. Porter.

On Recognition of Schools—A. Beers, Thomas Sully, W. H. Clark.

The members of the board were elected a Board of Directors.

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM CIRCUITS FROM JUNE, 1895, TO OCTOBER 1, 1903.

Children's Fund.....	\$1920 54
Educational Fund.....	847 55
Amount returned on loans.....	100 00
Amount of interest on deposit.....	161 00
	\$5033 59

DISBURSEMENTS

Amount of thirty-two loans.....	\$2455 00
Total amount of expenses for printing, traveling expenses, etc.....	156 87
	\$2611 87

Amount balance October 1, 1903.....	\$ 421 72
Received from children's fund to October 1, 1904.....	413 81
Received from educational fund to October 1, 1904.....	311 57
Amount returned on loans.....	50 00
Amount received for interest on loans.....	2 00

Total on hand October 1, 1904.....\$1199 10

On motion the board adjourned.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

The board met at 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, October 13, 1904.

President W. A. Sellew presided.

The roll was called and fifteen members answered to their names.

The treasurer gave his report. (See report.)

B. Winget, B. R. Jones, W. B. Olmstead, Mary L. Coleman and S. K. J. Chesbro were elected directors of the board.

Applications for aid were considered and the following appropriations granted. (See list.)

TREASURER'S REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

Receipts for 1903-1904

To amount on hand October 1, 1903.....	\$ 367 66
To amount from circuits from October 1, 1903, to October 1, 1904.....	2767 99
Total.....	\$3135 65

DISBURSEMENTS 1903-1904

Central Illinois, Bluffs.....	\$ 50 00	Ohio, Akron.....	\$ 250 00
Columbia River, Colville.....	25 00	" Zanesville.....	150 00
" Clark Fork.....	50 00	Oklahoma, Guthrie, etc.....	200 00
" Spokane.....	75 00	" Tonkawa.....	200 00
Illinois, Kewanee.....	75 00	Oil City, Port Allegany.....	40 00
Kansas, Wichita.....	100 00	" Clarion.....	40 00
" Scranton, etc.....	30 00	Texas, Canaan, etc.....	50 00
Kentucky and Tennessee, Gallatin.....	125 00	" Greenville.....	125 00
" Manchester, etc.....	25 00	Washington, Ross.....	250 00
Michigan, Hillsdale.....	200 00	West Ontario, Canboro.....	50 00
Nebraska, Fremont.....	50 00	" Welland.....	125 00
North Indiana.....	40 00	Wisconsin, Sioux Creek.....	50 00
" Columbia City.....	50 00	" Boscobel.....	75 00
North Minnesota, Ft. Ripley.....	75 00		
Expenses.....			\$2675 00
On hand October 1, 1904.....			135 00
			425 65
			\$3135 65

APPROPRIATIONS

CONFERENCE	CHARGE	AMOUNT
California.....	Chico.....	\$ 50 00
Central Illinois.....	Mount Vernon (\$100 next year).....	200 00
Columbia River.....	Tekoa and Summervale.....	65 00
East Michigan.....	Saginaw.....	100 00
East Michigan.....	Owosso and Corunna.....	50 00
East Ontario.....	Picton and Fairmont.....	50 00
Genesee.....	Pendleton.....	400 00
Kansas.....	Kansas City.....	40 00
Kansas.....	Winfield.....	120 00
Kansas.....	Harmony and Old Union.....	30 00
Kansas.....	Ottawa and Paola.....	60 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	Mount Beulah.....	30 00
North Dakota.....	Glenfield and McHenry.....	100 00
North Minnesota.....	Alexandria and Hudson.....	25 00
North Michigan.....	Lake View and Six Lakes.....	20 00
North Michigan.....	Lake City.....	50 00
North Michigan.....	Coral and Howard.....	100 00
North Indiana.....	South Bend and River Park.....	50 00
North Indiana.....	Upland.....	150 00
Ohio.....	Dugan Hill (renewal).....	75 00
Ohio.....	Kent.....	120 00
Ohio.....	Cleveland.....	200 00
Oklahoma.....	Yale and Blackburn.....	80 00
Oil City.....	Brookville and Falls Creek.....	60 00
Oil City.....	Keech, Seven Bridges and Borie.....	20 00
Oregon.....	Roseburg.....	50 00
Oregon.....	Salem and Aumsville.....	100 00
Platte River.....	Cambridge, Earl and Indianola.....	90 00
South Dakota.....	Vienna.....	75 00

APPROPRIATIONS—Continued

CONFERENCE	CHARGE	AMOUNT
Texas.....	Fort Worth	80 00
Wabash.....	Danville	400 00
Washington.....	Tacoma	300 00
Washington.....	Hillman, etc. (conditionally).....	120 00
Wisconsin.....	Rhineland (renewal).....	30 00
Wisconsin.....	Humbird (renewal).....	50 00
For Incidental Expenses.....		125 00
Total.....		\$ 3665 00

CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

RECEIPTS, 1903-1904

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	Surplus	Deficit
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 26 50	\$ 22 85		\$ 3 65
California.....	26 30	26 30		
Central Illinois.....	147 60	147 60		
Colorado.....	33 00	33 00		
Columbia River.....	19 10	19 10		
East Michigan.....	172 80	128 24		44 56
East Ontario.....	59 50	59 50		
Genesee.....	151 20	130 76		20 44
Illinois.....	100 10	92 60		7 50
Iowa.....	74 10	74 10		
Kansas.....	79 30	79 30		
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	20 20	20 20		
Louisiana.....	13 10	13 10		
Michigan.....	91 90	91 90		
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	30 40	30 40		
Missouri.....	24 30	24 30		
Nebraska.....	40 30	40 30		
New York.....	108 90	108 90		
North Dakota.....	15 60	21 55	\$ 6 95	
North Indiana.....	37 40	37 40		
North Michigan.....	\$ 168 50	\$ 168 50		
North Minnesota.....	26 30	26 30		
Ohio.....	88 70	88 70		
Oil City.....	159 00	159 00		
Oklahoma.....	66 40	64 40		2 00
Oregon.....	41 60	41 60		
Pittsburg.....	126 60	126 60		
Platte River.....	41 50	41 50		
Southern California.....	39 90	39 90		
South Dakota.....	44 60	44 60		
Susquehanna.....	136 10	136 10		
Texas.....	62 80	62 80		
Wabash.....	81 60	81 70	10	
Washington.....	55 20	55 20		
West Iowa.....	58 00	58 00		
West Kansas.....	56 70	62 50	5 80	
West Ontario.....	61 90	61 90		
Wisconsin.....	84 50	71 51		12 99
Total.....	\$2871 50	\$2592 21	\$11 85	\$91 14

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

The board convened at 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, October 14, 1904.

President W. T. Hogue presided.

The roll was called and ten members answered to their names.

The treasurer gave his annual report. (See report.)

The board recommended that an amount equal to 37 cents per member be raised for Claimants' Fund.

General Superintendent Hogue and the secretary of the board were instructed to write articles for the *Free Methodist* regarding the necessity of sustaining the Claimants' Fund.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND, 1904

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Deficit, 1903	Paid, 1904	Deficit, 1904	Surplus, 1904	Claimants, 1904	Paid Claimants	Due Claimants	Claimants, 1905
Arkansas and Southern Missouri....	\$ 87 45	\$ 50 50	\$ 40 56	\$ 46 89		\$ 262 50	\$ 262 50		\$ 340 00
California.....	86 79		86 79			520 00	520 00		390 00
Central Illinois.....	487 08		487 08			155 00	155 00		155 00
Colorado.....	108 90		108 90			325 00	325 00		325 00
Columbia River.....	63 03		63 03			485 00	485 00		560 00
East Michigan.....	570 24		570 24						1060 00
East Ontario.....	196 35		196 35			180 00	180 00		180 00
Genesee.....	498 96		498 96			200 00	200 00		220 00
Illinois.....	330 33		330 33			335 00			673 00
Iowa.....	244 53		244 53		\$10 23				
Kansas.....	261 69		271 46						
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	66 66		46 27	20 39					
Louisiana.....	43 23		43 23						
Michigan.....	303 27		303 27			185 00	185 00		536 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	100 32		100 32			455 00			425 00
Missouri.....	80 19		83 49		3 30				100 00
Nebraska.....	132 99		132 99			56 00	56 00		56 00
New York.....	359 37		359 37			347 00	347 00		384 00
North Dakota.....	61 48		61 48						30 00
North Indiana.....	123 42		123 42			135 00	135 00		95 00
North Michigan.....	556 05		556 05			385 00	385 00		590 00
North Minnesota.....	86 79		86 79			45 00	45 00		45 00
Ohio.....	292 71		292 71			225 00	225 00		100 00
Oil City.....	524 70		524 70			164 00	164 00		128 00
Oklahoma.....	219 12		219 12			25 00	25 00		315 00
Oregon.....	137 28		137 28						
Pittsburg.....	417 78		417 78						100 00
Platte River.....	136 95		136 95						430 00
Southern California.....	131 67		131 67			345 00	345 00		
South Dakota.....	147 18		147 18			150 00	150 00		1230 00
Susquehanna.....	449 13		449 13			1305 00	1207 25		
Texas.....	207 24		207 24						
Wabash.....	269 28		269 28			180 00	180 00		100 00
Washington.....	182 16		182 16			320 00	320 00		150 00
West Iowa.....	191 40		191 61		21	370 00	370 00		330 00
West Kansas.....	187 11		187 11			190 00	190 00		235 00
West Ontario.....	204 27		204 27			225 00	225 00		115 00
Wisconsin.....	278 85		278 85			280 00	280 00		430 00
Total.....	\$8814 95	\$ 50 50	\$8761 95	\$ 67 28	\$13 74	\$8839 50	17961 75		\$9666 00

CLAIMANTS' PERMANENT FUND

CONFERENCE	Assessment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Assessment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri....	\$ 13 25	\$ 55	North Michigan.....	\$ 84 25	\$ 94 25
California.....	13 15	13 15	North Minnesota.....	13 15	13 15
Central Illinois.....	73 80	57 57	Ohio.....	44 35	44 35
Colorado.....	16 50	17 65	Oil City.....	79 50	79 50
Columbia River.....	9 55	9 55	Oklahoma.....	33 20	33 20
East Michigan.....	96 40	68 75	Oregon.....	20 80	20 80
East Ontario.....	29 75	29 75	Pittsburg.....	63 30	63 30
Genesee.....	75 60	69 85	Platte River.....	20 75	20 75
Illinois.....	50 05	48 21	South Dakota.....	22 30	22 30
Iowa.....	37 05	37 05	Southern California.....	19 95	19 95
Kansas.....	39 65	39 65	Susquehanna.....	68 05	68 05
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	10 10	2 60	Texas.....	31 40	31 40
Louisiana.....	6 55		Wabash.....	40 80	40 80
Michigan.....	45 95	45 95	Washington.....	27 60	31 70
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	15 20	15 20	West Iowa.....	29 00	28 45
Missouri.....	12 15	14 25	West Kansas.....	28 35	28 35
Nebraska.....	20 15	18 05	West Ontario.....	30 95	30 95
New York.....	54 45	58 25	Wisconsin.....	42 25	42 25
North Dakota.....	7 80	9 00			
North Indiana.....	18 70	18 70			
Total.....			Total.....	\$1396 75	\$1277 26

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSE FUND

The surplus of the "Delegates' Expense Fund" as reported in June, 1903, was \$618.33. The conference ordered the sum of \$105.33 paid to certain persons, leaving the sum of \$513 to be refunded to the annual conferences. This sum was divided pro rata as follows:

Arkansas and Southern Missouri, \$9.97; California, \$4.75; Columbia River, \$4.50; Central Illinois, \$30.46; Colorado, \$6.22; East Ontario, \$11.50; East Michigan, \$34.39; Genesee, \$28.07; Illinois, \$20.53; Iowa, \$16.05; Kansas, \$15.75; Kentucky and Tennessee, \$3.82; Louisiana, \$2.51; Michigan, \$19.08; Minnesota and Northern Iowa, \$7.01; Missouri, \$4.40; Nebraska, \$9.10; New York, \$20.68; North Dakota, \$2.10; North Indiana, \$4.05; North Michigan, \$33.78; North Minnesota, \$5.76; Ohio, \$16.85; Oil City, \$31.73; Oklahoma, \$5.15; Oregon, \$7.02; Pittsburg, \$22.11; Platte River, \$8.90; South Dakota, \$9.39; Southern California, \$5.10; Susquehanna, \$27.61; Texas, \$9.85; Wabash, \$15.80; Washington, \$7.55; West Ontario, \$10.90; West Iowa, \$12.50; West Kansas, \$13.41; Wisconsin, \$15.80.

Some of the conferences reported a surplus; the surplus was returned to them.

S. K. J. CHESBRO, Treasurer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

NAMES OF MEMBERS

REV. B. R. JONES, President,
REV. B. WINGET, Secretary,
S. K. J. CHESBRO, Treasurer,
REV. EDWARD P. HART,
REV. W. A. SELLEW,
REV. W. T. HOGUE,
THOMAS SULLY, First District,
REV. J. S. M'GEARY, Second District,

REV. F. J. CALKINS, Third District,
REV. W. B. OLMSTEAD, Fourth District,
J. H. PORTER, Fifth District,
J. GRAHAM, Sixth District,
REV. C. E. HARROUN, JR., Seventh District,
MRS. MARY L. COLEMAN, W. F. M. S.,
MRS. M. M. ROBINSON, W. F. M. S.,
MRS. T. B. ARNOLD, W. F. M. S.

DIRECTORS OF BOARD

REV. B. R. JONES,
S. K. J. CHESBRO,

REV. J. S. M'GEARY,
REV. W. B. OLMSTEAD,
MRS. MARY L. COLEMAN.

The General Missionary Board met at 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, October 12, 1904.

The president, B. R. Jones, called the meeting to order and presided.

The secretary, B. Winget, conducted the devotional exercises.

The roll was called and thirteen members answered to their names.

The annual report of the secretary was given, and on motion received. (See report.)

The treasurer gave his annual report, and the report was accepted. (See report.)

B. R. Jones, S. K. J. Chesbro, J. S. M'Geary, W. B. Olmstead and Mary L. Coleman were elected directors of the General Missionary Board.

A memorial from the missionaries in Africa, regarding the appointment of a general missionary superintendent, was read and referred to the following committee: B. Winget, W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, C. E. Harroun, Jr., and Thomas Sully.

The committee recommended sending one of the general superintendents to Africa to organize the work into a conference, and to visit the other mission fields. The report was referred to the Executive Committee, which took action approving of sending out one of the general superintendents to visit the foreign work, and elected General Superintendent W. A. Sellew to go. The board took action to provide for the additional expense incurred in taking this journey. It is expected that he and several missionaries who were accepted will go to Africa next March or April.

C. S. McKinley presented his resignation as a foreign missionary, which was accepted.

The annual reports of General Conference Evangelists C. W. Stamp and W. G. Hanmer were heard. (See reports.)

A memorial from C. W. Stamp regarding the raising of funds for band work was read by the secretary.

The paper was received and the methods of C. W. Stamp in raising funds for his bands were endorsed, and permission given for him to continue the same, providing the efforts are approved by the district elders and preachers in charge; also, he was requested to present a detailed report of all the money raised for band and evangelistic work, to the annual board meeting.

Mrs. Blanche E. Stamp, by request, gave a report of her labors in connection with her husband, during the past year. (See report.)

The general conference evangelists, C. W. Stamp and W. G. Hanmer, were requested to spend six months during the year in opening new work; C. W. Stamp to labor in the

southwest and east of Buffalo, New York, especially in New England; W. G. Hanmer to select his own field anywhere west of Buffalo, New York.

At the request of the missionaries in Japan, the board took action instructing the secretary to correspond with T. Kawabe, the native missionary, and W. F. Matthewson, with a view to having T. Kawabe visit America, during or preceding the next general conference.

The annual reports from the superintendents of mission stations, and letters from the missionaries, were read by the secretary.

A communication was read from the Congo Committee of the Massachusetts Commission for International Justice. The paper was received and the following committee appointed to reply to the same: J. S. M'Geary, B. Winget, W. T. Hogue.

A communication from the Bureau of Missions, Bible House, New York, was presented by the secretary. The paper was received and the secretary was requested to reply to the same.

A communication was presented by the secretary from the missionaries in Africa, regarding the manner of receiving and distributing funds for the support of native children and evangelists. The paper was received and referred to the following committee of three: W. B. Olmstead, Thomas Sully and Tressa R. Arnold. The committee reported as follows:

Your committee appointed to consider the memorial from the missionaries in Africa with regard to native workers and orphans would report as follows:

We believe the time has come when more attention should be paid to the support of individual missionaries, native workers and orphan children and we think that great care should be exercised on the part of the missionary secretary, the treasurer of the board and the treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to see that all money paid in for any of these purposes is appropriated directly to the objects for which it is contributed and to see that credit is given accordingly. We recommend,

1. That the missionary secretary be requested to push the collection of funds for foreign missionary work along the line of soliciting for the support of individual missionaries, native workers, orphan children, or any special need that may arise on the foreign field; that he issue circulars detailing a plan for such support and by correspondence with the missionaries secure their co-operation; that photographs of missionaries, native workers and orphans be obtained and that pledges for such individual support be solicited for one year or more, a period of five years being preferable.

2. That the plan for keeping the account of this work be left with the missionary secretary, the treasurer of the board and the treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but that such plan shall include the following points: (a) A complete record to be kept of the names and address of all donors to any of these funds, whether such donors be individuals or organizations. (b) A complete record to be kept of the names and addresses of all missionaries, native workers and orphans supported in whole or in part by individual contributions. (c) An entry showing the amount of money contributed by each donor and to whose support it is contributed. (d) An entry showing that such contributions were actually paid out for the benefit of the parties for whom the contributions were made.

3. That the treasurer of the board and the treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be requested to include in their reports published in the *Free Methodist*, an itemized report of their receipts from any source for the above-mentioned purposes and the disbursements of the same.

W. B. OLMSTEAD,
TRESSA R. ARNOLD,
THOMAS SULLY.

The board acknowledged the receipt of the bequest by Mrs. Ella Fritchey, of \$600, for foreign missions, and in harmony with the request of her children, appropriated the same toward paying for and furnishing the training school building at Greenville, Pondoland, South Africa.

The following resolution presented by W. T. Hogue, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The amount of business annually coming before the General Missionary Board is large and constantly increasing; and

WHEREAS, The inconvenience to members of the board and the cost of holding its annual sessions are increased by any undue protraction of these sessions; and

WHEREAS, The number of our foreign missions and missionary stations is becoming constantly larger, necessitating the hearing of a larger number of reports from the foreign fields each year;

Resolved, That we prefer henceforth that the reports of the work under each superintendent on the foreign fields shall be made by such superintendent, and shall be as condensed as it can be made, and at the same time cover the principal items necessary for the information of the board; and that we also advise that all matters explanatory of such reports, whether made by the person reporting or by others, be made in the way of personal correspondence addressed to the missionary secretary.

Miss Clara A. Leffingwell was appointed superintendent of China mission.

Rev. N. S. and Mrs. Honn were accepted as missionaries to China.

N. S. Honn was appointed corresponding secretary for China mission.

It was recommended that Clara A. Leffingwell be given a power of attorney for China.

It was ordered that the rule which requires our missionaries to learn the language before getting married, shall be interpreted to apply to China mission, that the missionaries be required to secure a junior missionary certificate, according to the requirements of the China Inland Mission.

The secretary was instructed to arrange for the outgoing of the China missionaries as soon as possible.

J. P. Brodhead was appointed superintendent of the African mission.

A. E. Haley and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Warren were accepted as missionaries to Africa.

Mrs. Dr. W. A. Backenstoe was accepted as a foreign missionary, and by request of the missionaries in Africa, and by herself and husband, she and her husband were appointed to labor at Inhambane, South Africa.

The secretary was requested to make special efforts to secure a farmer for the mission field of South Africa.

Miss Esther D. Clarke was recognized as a Free Methodist missionary in San Domingo, West Indies, and given an appropriation of \$100, for the ensuing year.

W. F. Matthewson was appointed superintendent of missions in Japan.

J. T. Taylor was appointed superintendent and M. C. Clarke treasurer of the missions in India.

J. T. Taylor was granted a power of attorney for India.

V. G. and Mrs. V. G. McMurry having offered their resignations as foreign missionaries, on motion the same were accepted by the board.

In view of Rev. J. J. Haviland's service for five years on the field in Africa, the board allowed his wife, Mrs. Emma H. Haviland, a claim of \$40 for the ensuing year.

In view of the ill-health of Miss Rose Cox of India, the board made provision for her to return home on a furlough.

It was ordered that hereafter all applications for foreign missionary work must be accompanied by two physicians' certificates.

A number of applications for missionary work were considered, and action on them deferred.

The secretary was requested to prepare and present at the first sitting of the next session, a statement of the business coming before the board.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

REV. W. G. HANMER'S REPORT

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:—

The Lord's protecting and preserving care has been specially manifested toward me, during the past year, and he has granted me very gracious help and blessing in the evangelistic work, for which I am specially and devoutly thankful. My last report closed with

the meeting at Sprague, Washington. I continued to labor in the West during the months of October, November and December. Also after my sickness in the spring during a part of March, April and May.

At Salem, Oregon, we have a church building in the outskirts of the city, but we held our meeting on new ground. We rented a hall in the center of the city. The meeting was successful in creating a new interest and starting up the work anew. Since then the church and parsonage have been remodelled and the work has continued to prosper. This year we have a pastor there who devotes all his time to the work at Salem.

At Seattle, Everett and Tacoma our meetings were held in our churches. Rev. Alexander Beers had the meeting well planned and advertised at the First church. He had his mind and heart set on a successful meeting, and in a diplomatic manner he managed things, so as to draw out of us the very best service there was in us. The meeting was good, powerful and old-fashioned. Many were helped and profited besides those who were saved and sanctified.

The Lord greatly helped us in our meeting at Everett with Rev. T. H. Marsh. Brother Marsh plunged into the work with us in earnest. God gave us a gracious season of blessing in Zion. Crowds attended the services and strong and pungent conviction attended the preaching. Saving and sanctifying results were realized and some very chronic cases found glorious deliverance.

At Tacoma, our esteemed brother, Rev. C. S. McKinley, had the way fully prepared for a very successful effort; but after only a few days' services we came down with nervous prostration which lasted for ten weeks or more.

In the last part of the month of March we began work again in Sunnyside with Rev. S. P. Westfield. Our work there is comparatively new. We held two successful meetings. One before the church was built and one afterwards. We also assisted Brother Westfield in raising money to pay for the church and dedicated it before we left.

After that we spent some time in special revival efforts at Central and Oregon City, Oregon. These meetings were not so successful as the others; still they were good and profitable. There was a degree of interest and some salvation. District Elder William Pearce and his excellent wife, together with Rev. John Glenn and the pastors in the Oregon conference rallied to the evangelistic services, and with their faith, prayers and efforts helped to make our visit and services successful.

During the summer months we have spent all our time in tabernacle meetings with the exception of one week that we spent in a camp-meeting in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

After returning from the West our first meeting was at Lafayette, Indiana, with Rev. J. B. Lutz. Brother Lutz is a practical man, full of business. We never held a meeting anywhere, where the arrangements and preparations were more complete for a successful salvation meeting than the one at Lafayette. The masses heard the gospel in this meeting. There was a deep and widespread interest. The meeting was known and felt throughout the whole city. There were a number of clear conversions and some sanctified wholly. It was a remarkably good and profitable meeting.

At Racine, Wisconsin, we held another tabernacle meeting with conditions all unfavorable. However the Lord helped and we had a profitable meeting.

We spent eleven days with Pastor F. F. Wolfe in a tabernacle meeting in Beaver Dam. Our own members and members of other churches received much help through the Bible readings and there were some conversions.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota.—Our pastor there, Rev. J. Whiteside, has had the matter of a tabernacle meeting in the center of the city on his heart for a long time. Our church there is situated in the outskirts of the city. With the tent pitched in the center of the city, we held forth there during nearly the whole of the month of September. We had quite a good salvation time.

During the year in all the meetings 236 have been either converted or sanctified wholly, and we have received 104 new members into the church.

MONEY RAISED FROM THE FIELDS

For Rent of Buildings, Tents, Lots and Incidentals.....	\$ 184 00
To Assist Workers	86 00
On my Support.....	196 00
For traveling expenses.....	147 00
Total	\$ 613 00

After my nervous breakdown Rev. W. H. Clark, of the Susquehanna conference, with whom I had been in correspondence regarding my proposed visit and labors in New England, wrote me that it would doubtless be a long time before I should recover health and strength sufficient to make me equal to the New England situation and work, and that for the present we would postpone the matter, so we have deferred until the present time. But for the kindly and considerate advice of my brother I should certainly have made the venture at least, and have carried out as best I could the wishes of the board.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. HANMER.

C. W. STAMP'S REPORT

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH:

The tender care of our heavenly Father has been over us during the year and we have special reasons to be grateful for continued mercies.

I have devoted my entire time to the work of an evangelist. Mrs. Blanche E. Stamp, whom you were pleased to favor as a licensed missionary of the General Missionary Board, has been my assistant from the beginning and has traveled with me constantly. Her labors in the revivals have been considered by the pastors and district elders a very great blessing to the struggling societies as well as the new fields we have visited.

It has been our aim to select from the calls received, the most needy places. Some of the charges we have assisted were considered old, run-down fields; but through the aid of the faithful pastors and a few consecrated members, and in the strength of Christ, we were able to conquer, and with a persistent effort new life has sprung up and new light has burst forth.

We have held revivals and special services in the following places, including eleven conferences and twelve states: Old Ransom church, Michigan conference; Flint, Michigan, East Michigan conference; Coopersville, North Michigan conference; Titusville, Oil City conference; Wallaceburg, Western Ontario conference; Atkinson, Illinois conference; Freeport, Illinois conference; Cortland, Susquehanna conference; New Decatur, Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee conference; Louisville, Kentucky and Tennessee conference; Evansville, Wisconsin conference; Bracebridge, Eastern Ontario conference; Gallatin, Kentucky and Tennessee conference; New Hope, Mississippi, Louisiana conference, Beasley Chapel, Mississippi, Louisiana conference; Cascilla, Mississippi, Louisiana conference; Wesson, Mississippi, Louisiana conference; Summerville, Louisiana, Louisiana conference; Kelley, Louisiana conference.

THE SOUTH.—The General Missionary Board ordered that I should spend three months in the South. Owing to the needs and prospects of our work there, we gave about five months to the southern fields.

A complete description of the self-denial and hardships of our consecrated ministers in the establishment of our church in this country, could not be given here. But as a result of their strenuous efforts an army of true, devoted Free Methodists were found scattered through this great land. A number of obstacles must be overcome here that are not known in the North. And yet, under the plain, solid gospel truth, there is, as a reward, true Christian character and devotedness to God.

The revival season for the South is during the summer months. The most favorable time for the cotton belt is during August and September. This accounts for our being there during the hot season instead of the winter time.

The holiness movement is quite strong through this country. However, great interest

seemed to be manifested for our church, and our district elder and the pastor expressed encouragement and inspiration from the summer's campaign and hope is revived for the future.

As the Discipline provides that the general evangelist shall operate bands and band-workers, and as it was evident we might, in a limited degree, extend our influence for the church by putting a few consecrated laborers into the field, we have, by personal solicitation and by correspondence, raised a small fund and have maintained several workers during the year. These workers are now on the field, and are giving good satisfaction and revivals are the result of their labors. Should this move be considered favorably by your honorable body we will continue the plan as our limited time and circumstances may permit.

Over three hundred souls have either been converted or sanctified and a good percentage of these have united with the Free Methodist church.

MONEY RAISED

For Band Workers, cash	\$ 248 06
For Band Workers, in subscriptions yet unpaid	201 94
Tracts donated	5 00
Amount raised for Pastors	262 00

Total\$ 717 00

C. W. STAMP.

MRS. BLANCHE E. STAMP'S REPORT

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD, GREETING:

Inasmuch as your honorable body saw fit to grant me license to travel at large, you may be expecting a brief report from me at this time. Therefore I would submit the following:

Besides traveling constantly with Mr. Stamp and assisting in all of his revivals and special services except one, I have preached a sermon in the interest of foreign missions at nearly all the points we have visited, organized nine societies with 132 new members. I also assisted in holding thirteen home missionary meetings in the interest of our band work. These meetings were seasons of great refreshing, and the presentation of the home missionary cause seemed to meet with general favor, and while it was begun as a venture, it created new inspiration and we found a number of consecrated laymen who were intensely interested in this part of the work.

While my year's work is not what I would like it to have been, yet I have reason to believe my efforts to save the lost and encourage the saints have been rewarded.

We shall continue in the future to labor as in the past, to promote the interest of the church, and with increased experience we trust to be able to give better service and to see greater results the coming year.

Imploring your prayers, I am your sister in Christ, (MRS.) BLANCHE E. STAMP.

THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

The increasing manifestation, among us, of responsiveness to the "great commission" should call forth our most hearty thanksgiving and inspire our hearts with greater courage and larger expectations for the future. This is manifested in enlarged receipts, and more volunteers. The sisters, members of our Woman's Societies, like Deborah of old, are leading on the brethren, and inciting them to attempt greater things for God, and expect greater things from him in spreading the "good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

AFRICA—INHAMBANE

We rejoice in the good news from Inhambane. Truly the mantle of Rev. G. H. Agnew,

our devoted and heroic missionary, has fallen on his successor at Inhambane. Recently J. W. Haley has had the Roberts' Memorial Mission iron house raised up and made two stories high. By having our missionaries live upstairs it is expected they will be much less liable to malaria. There are an increasing number of native evangelists and children supported. The resultant fruit has been encouraging, and is manifested by the strengthening and enlargement of the work. There has been an increase this year of nine full members, thirty-two probationers and three native helpers. Our medical missionary, Dr. W. A. Backenstoe, has given efficient aid to Brother Haley in helping him raise the mission house—adding a second story—besides treating a large number of natives. He writes that from April 13 to July 30 he treated 137 patients and made 609 visits. The patients treated suffered from thirty-five different diseases. We judge that the service he has rendered to the bodies of the natives has lightened many of their sorrows and made them more receptive to the gospel. Our missionaries at Fairview think it will be best for Dr. Backenstoe to be stationed at Inhambane, and in this he most heartily concurs. There is a large field for medical work at Inhambane and in the surrounding country.

AFRICA—UMUSA, JOHANNESBURG

Our work at this station is very important. Johannesburg is the chief city of South Africa. At the beginning of the year, it is said, there were 80,000 native men employed in the compounds. They come from South, Central and East Africa. Recently an effort has been made to import Chinese to do the work in the gold mines, and thus supplant the natives. Thus far this has not proved a success, as only about fifty per cent. of the Chinamen have given satisfaction, and, it is said, some who employ such help refuse to employ Chinamen. This should be a kind of distributing center for our work. Because of its relation to our other work in Africa, it seems very important that we send another man and wife there as soon as possible. Probably, at least, one-half, or more, of our native workers at Inhambane, and some who are laboring in Natal were converted there. It is a good place for sowing the gospel seed. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Smith have been laboring there the past year. Their work is done, principally, in connection with three compounds where there are about 2000 natives. They have open-air services with the natives in the compounds, and, also, have a school and mission services in the mission house near by. Their labors have been rewarded in seeing an encouraging number turn unto the Lord, nine persons having been received in full, and twenty-six on probation the past year. The natives have given \$250 to help on the work. Some of this is restitution money. Having wronged others, and not knowing where to find the persons whom they have wronged, it is given to help on the work of God. Brother and Sister Smith love the work. There is special reason for encouragement because of the fruit of their labors, and the prospect of much greater results.

AFRICA—FAIRVIEW

This is our oldest mission in Natal. Because of the inadequate mission force at this station greater burdens have fallen on the missionaries. We are thankful to God that Sister Brodhead has received so much help for her body since its severe injury by her grievous fall. Notwithstanding the tests through which our work and workers have been called to pass, we are glad to know that God's blessing on the labors of the few has resulted in special enlargement on the various lines of work, in a gratifying increase in the number of converts and their upbuilding in the faith. There has been an increase of six full members, thirty-one probationers, and thirty-one Sunday-school scholars. We have received good reports of the new missionaries who went out about a year ago. Circumstances have been such that it has been necessary for Brother Brodhead to give quite a portion of his time and strength to looking after the temporal affairs connected with the station land. Since Brother Ryff's arrival he has greatly assisted Brother Brodhead in this work as well as on spiritual lines. It seems very necessary for a good man and wife to oversee and take charge of the station land, and take special charge of the temporal affairs connected with the natives, who rent hut privileges on the same, and leave these brethren free for the reg-

ular mission work. A sanctified farmer and a good all round business man, well adapted to this place, and whose heart is aflame with desire to help in having the dark-skinned sons of Africa receive the gospel, even though he be not specially gifted to do mission work, may find in this sphere of labor an opportunity to accomplish a great work for the Master. Excellent work has been done in the station school, for which it was highly commended by the school inspector. The "Girls' school" has prospered under the care and faithful instruction of Sister Allen and her faithful helpers. We are pleased with the evangelistic spirit some of the native girls manifest. One of them who was converted went to her heathen home on Friday evening, five miles from Fairview, and remained over Sunday, and while there was very zealous in personal work, and in meetings with her people to bring them to the saving knowledge of Christ. We are glad that Sister Allen's strength is renewed, and she has been enabled to continue in the school. I am sure the coming of Miss Nellie Reed to help her will give her great joy.

AFRICA—ITEMBI, EBENEZER

The two faithful handmaids of the Lord (Misses Hartman and Nickel) at this place have not fainted, but they have been enabled to reap precious fruit, and see the work strengthened and enlarged. Thirteen full members have been added during the past year and eleven probationers. They report nine out stations. Surely they are reaching out into the regions beyond. How few of our preachers in the home land have as many places where they carry the "good tidings."

AFRICA—EDWALENI

We are sorry to know that Mr. and Mrs. Nathanael B. Smith's health has failed, so that it has been necessary for them to leave this station and go to Fairview, and grave fears are entertained that it will be necessary for them to return home. We are in hope that with rest and God's blessing they will be restored and will be enabled to remain on the field and go forward in the work committed to their charge. Their zeal and perseverance have been rewarded with precious fruit, which suggests their greater possibilities. Eight probationers have been added during the past year.

AFRICA—EMWADENI, GREENVILLE

Because the name of this station is so near like Edwaleni, our missionaries have thought best to call it Greenville, after our college. With so few missionaries, and so much labor and responsibility on them in connection with the older parts of our work in Natal, they have not been able to spare anyone to establish the work at this point. The work has been done principally by a native worker and his wife, assisted by Brothers Smith and Brodhead. In a recent letter from one of our missionaries it was suggested that we might lose this mission site if we did not make haste and send a man and wife there to establish the work. A year ago we made two appropriations with this end in view, namely, \$500 for a training school and \$1000 for a dwelling house for a man and wife. In a recent letter from J. P. Brodhead, he states that he is going to commence the buildings and desires to have the appropriations sent. We have responded by sending one-half of them. Our missionaries look upon this as a very inviting and needy field. They believe that the site was given in answer to prayer, and for some time they have been praying the Lord of the harvest to send them reinforcements to meet this imperative need, and other needs of our growing and enlarging work in Africa. Our superintendent in Natal writes that the Macedonian calls to him and his co-laborers are more than they can respond to, and in connection with their prayers they send a long and loud call for more workers from the home land. It seems to be imperatively necessary that our work in Africa be reinforced speedily with four or six missionaries from the home land, in addition to those whom we have already accepted.

Our faithful superintendent has had his hands and heart full of care and labor, to overflowing, in connection with the varied lines of work and many responsibilities. We appreciate the faithful service he has been enabled to give in helping to gather in golden sheaves for the Savior. About a year ago the physical condition of Brother and Sister Brodhead

caused some fear that they might not be able to perform as much work as they have this year. We are glad the Lord has given our missionaries in Africa so much strength and courage for service, and so many trophies for him. It is to be hoped that some provision can be made so that Brothers Brodhead and Ryff will be released from responsibility in connection with the farm work. With six missionaries for Africa, namely, a man and wife for the farm, another couple for Greenville, and then two single persons, the work would be greatly helped and the cares and labors of the few would be wonderfully lightened.

For various reasons which will be brought before you, for your consideration and action, our missionaries make an earnest plea that you will create the office of general superintendent for the work and provide the man for the office. I trust that the Holy Spirit will direct in regard to this and all other matters which are to come before you.

INDIA—YEOTMAL

Our work and workers on this field have been and are passing through some special trials. There was a fire on the large compound which destroyed one or more of the outbuildings, and imperiled the safety of the large bungalow and the lives of the missionaries. Sister Cox has been in poor health throughout most of the year. The mission force has been much too small for the needs of the work. For this last named reason our missionaries have recured the assistance of Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Ward and their daughter Ethel. Their work seems to be very satisfactory, and our missionaries unanimously request that they be received into our mission on trial. Their request will be brought before you more fully during this meeting.

We are thankful for the measure of encouragment and fruit in connection with our work on this field. All of the missionaries are walking in the fellowship of the Spirit, and with the exception of Sister Cox, are in quite good health. They have reported good meetings and they are full of faith and courage for the work, which is very great, as only a few of the people of the 1200 villages of our district have been privileged to listen to the gospel message. They have been anxious to commence the work at Darwha, a large town about twenty-eight miles from Yeotmal, but a lack of means and missionaries has hindered. They make the request that the board accept of those persons before mentioned—of a converted and wholly sanctified Presbyterian missionary, who is on the field, by the name of Enright, and send out three or four additional missionaries the coming year.

JAPAN

We have two principal stations in this "Sunrise Kingdom," Sumoto on the island of Awaji, where August Youngren and his wife are laboring, assisted by a number of native workers and their wives, and Osaka where the Rev. and Mrs. Wesley F. Matthewson are laboring, assisted by Brother Kawabe and wife and Konishi. Our missionaries have sent us very encouraging reports of the work, from time to time during the year. Considering the length of time since our work was commenced, the workers employed, the money expended, etc., I think there has been more manifest fruit here than in any other part of our foreign work. There has been an increase of thirty-nine full members, eighty-three probationers and fifty Sunday-school scholars. The precious ingathering of jewels for the Master on this field is a cause of special thanksgiving to God.

Your secretary has been surprised at, what seems to him, the little interest and excitement among the Japanese people because of the terrible war in which so many of their brave sons are falling. From the little mention made of the war, and about the excitement among the people over it, in letters sent him by our missionaries, he would judge there was quite as much excitement here because of it as there.

Our missionaries are in quite good health and are much encouraged and full of hope for the work because of the precious fruit already given, and the receptivity of the people.

They represent that their present, imperative needs are comfortable houses at Sumoto and Osaka for the missionaries to occupy and for use in carrying forward the work successfully. Already they are feeling the need of a training school for the natives who have been

converted and who feel called to pastoral and evangelistic work. In order to meet the very urgent needs of this work considerably larger appropriations will be necessary.

The total increase on all of our foreign work the past year has been eighty-two full members, 154 probationers and seventy Sunday-school scholars.

CHINA

We, and others, have been disappointed because of the delay in the time of the departure of our missionary band to China. Providential indications have seemed to necessitate this delay. This being the case we should confidently expect better results than as though we had sent out the band with undue haste, not having taken sufficient time for needed preparation for such an important work. We now have six of the eight members of the band accepted and anxious to go out as soon as the way is open. The prospect is that the necessary means will be provided by the time the missionaries are ready to depart.

OUR RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Mrs. Lillie Agnew, and Peter Magumbeni our native worker, have been at Spring Arbor the most of the year. Sister Agnew's daughter Susie, and Peter have attended the seminary and have made good progress in their studies. During the school year they attended a few missionary services. Since its close they have made an extended tour in the West, and have spoken at missionary meetings, at conferences and at other places. I have heard only good reports from their labors.

Miss Clara A. Leffingwell has been in labors abundant and excellent reports have been given of her work. I expect she will be here to report her work.

SECRETARY'S PERSONAL REPORT

During the past year your secretary has attended missionary meetings in ten conferences, in nine states, and in Canada. He has been at six camp-meetings, two holiness conventions, one missionary convention, and has dedicated four churches, besides laboring in evangelistic services and looking after office work and correspondence.

In performing his work he has traveled 9521 miles. He gratefully acknowledges the kind protection of his heavenly Father and the precious presence of the Comforter.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

Rev. J. P. Brodhead	F. M. S., Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa
Mrs. J. P. Brodhead	" " " " " "
Miss F. Grace Allen	" " " " " "
Rev. Jules Ryff	" " " " " "
Mrs. Lilla E. E. Ryff	" " " " " "
Miss Nellie A. Reed	" " " " " "
Mr. A. E. Haley	" " " " " "
Rev. A. D. Warren	" " " " " "
Mrs. A. D. Warren	" " " " " "
W. A. Backenstoe, M. D.	Inhambane, Southeast, "
Mrs. Mary S. Backenstoe	" " " " " "
Miss Jennie Hamilton	" " " " " "
Mr. J. W. Haley	" " " " " "
Miss Lucy A. Hartman	Moguntia, Alfred county, Natal, South "
Miss Margaret A. Nickel	" " " " " "
Mr. Nathanael B. Smith	Izingolweni, via. Shepstone, " " "
Mrs. Nathanael B. Smith	" " " " " "
Mr. Carroll Smith	Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, " "
Mrs. Rosa Hunter Smith	" " " " " "
Mrs. G. H. Agnew	" " " " " "
Peter Magumbeni	Spring Arbor, Michigan "
Rev. J. T. Taylor	Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India "
Mrs. Margaret E. Taylor	" " " " " "
Mr. M. C. Clarke	" " " " " "
Mrs. M. C. Clarke	" " " " " "

Miss Effie L. Southworth	“	“	“	“
Miss Mary E. Chynoweth	“	“	“	“
Miss Emma Appling	“	“	“	“
Miss Ethel Ward	“	“	“	“
Miss Rose Cox	Wun, Province of Berar, via. Warora,	“	“	“
Rev. Earnest F. Ward	“	“	“	“
Mrs. Earnest F. Ward	“	“	“	“
Rev. W. F. Matthewson	211 Uychow Machi, Hachome, Osaka, Japan	“	“	“
Mrs. Minnie Matthewson	“	“	“	“
Mr. August Youngren	Sumoto, Awaji,	“	“	“
Mrs. August Youngren	“	“	“	“
Miss Clara A. Leffingwell	16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois	“	“	“
Miss Florence R. Myers	“	“	“	“
Miss Lily Peterson	“	“	“	“
Mr. George H. Scofield	“	“	“	“
Mr. C. Floyd Appleton	“	“	“	“
Rev. N. S. Honn	“	“	“	“
Mrs. N. S. Honn	“	“	“	“

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NATIVE WORKERS

Rev. Teikich Kawabe	211 Uychow Machi, Hachome, Osaka, Japan
Mrs. Teikich Kawabe	“
Masala Myasoe	F. M. S., Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GENERAL MISSIONARIES

Mrs. Martha B. Hart	1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California
Mrs. Helen Hart Jones	918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan
Mrs. Rebecca E. Sellow	170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York
Mrs. Ida R. C. Winget	16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois
Mrs. Blanche E. Stamp	“

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1904-05

AFRICA

INHAMBANE

Salary for three missionaries	\$ 750 00
Salaries, one-half, for two missionaries	250 00
Outfit for two new missionaries	150 00
Taxes	85 00
Fare for two new missionaries	425 00
Two tanks in flat	50 00
Emergency Fund	100 00
Trip to Natal for Dr. and Mrs. Backenstoe	150 00
Outfits on field for three new missionaries	100 00
Trip to Natal for J. W. Haley, less half of appropriation from last year	37 50
Visit from J. P. Brodhead	75 00
Trips to Natal for new missionaries	150 00
Outfit for Mrs. Backenstoe	50 00
Total	\$ 2372 00

ITEMBA

Salaries of two missionaries	\$ 500 00
Wages for native teacher	25 00
Wages for three evangelists	390 00
Rent for Ebenezer station	60 00
Emergency Fund	50 00
Payment on land	85 00
Refund on surveys	125 00
Total	\$ 1235 00
Less hut rents	30 00
Less produce sold	25 00
Total	\$ 1180 00

FAIRVIEW

Payment on farm, 2333 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.....	\$ 310 00	
Salaries of five missionaries.....	1250 00	
Appropriation for two children	50 00	
For coolie labor	150 00	
Robert's wages	180 00	
Emergency Fund	150 00	
Assistant teacher for station school.....	67 50	
Stephen and Martha's wages.....	180 00	
Addition to schoolhouse (station).....	35 00	
Native evangelists' house.....	40 00	
Fowl house for farm.....	25 00	
Salary of one new missionary	250 00	
House furnishing for same.....	\$ 50 00	
Miss Sanford	50 00	
Expenses for two missionaries for farm	900 00	
Total		\$ 3687 50
Less hut rents	325 00	
Less produce sold.....	250 00	
Less government school grant	250 00	
		825 00
Total		\$ 2862 50

UMUSA MISSION STATION

Sanitary fees.....	\$ 30 00	
Taxes.....	25 00	
Claim License	15 00	
For trees	7 50	
Water (laying)	50 00	
Emergency Fund	50 00	
For one child	25 00	
Salaries for two missionaries.....	500 00	
Extra for one year	125 00	
Total		\$ 827 50

EDWALENI

Salaries for two missionaries.....	\$ 500 00	
Appropriation for two children	50 00	
Wages for native teacher.....	67 50	
Wages for two native evangelists.....	300 00	
Emergency Fund.....	50 00	
Girl's room on house	35 00	
Payment on 1069 acres of land	160 00	
Further improvements.....	50 00	
Native evangelist's house.....	30 00	
Refund on surveys.....	155 00	
Refund on house.....	57 00	
Total		\$ 1454 50
Less hut rents.....		60 00
Total		\$ 1394 50

GREENVILLE MISSION STATION, PONDOLAND

Native evangelist's wages.....	\$ 180 00	
Emergency Fund	50 00	
Further improvements.....	50 00	
Evangelist's house.....	30 00	
Ford over the Umtavauna River.....	25 00	
Back on last year's appropriation for buildings.....	750 00	
Two new missionaries' salaries.....	250 00	
Outfits.....	150 00	
Fares and furniture.....	500 00	
Total		\$ 1985 00
Total for Africa		\$ 10622 00

INDIA

Salaries for eight missionaries	\$2000 00	
For one child	25 00	
Contingent Fund for Wun	50 00	
For incidental Fund for Wun	25 00	
Contingent Fund for Yeotmal	150 00	
For incidental Fund for Yeotmal	50 00	
For a mission house at Darwha (\$500 has been sent)	2500 00	
For traveling expenses of two missionaries to the hills during hot season—Misses Southworth and Appling	40 00	
For M. P. Walsh's services the past year	50 00	
House furniture for Effie Southworth	30 00	
Fares for two new missionaries	400 00	
Outfits for two new missionaries	150 00	
Furniture for two new missionaries	\$ 100 00	
Salaries for two new missionaries, for nine months	375 00	
Salaries for four more if received	1000 00	
Total	\$ 6945 00	
Total for India		\$ 6945 00

JAPAN

Salaries of four missionaries	\$1000 00	
Osaka, chapel rent	60 00	
Salary for M. Konishi	60 00	
Salary for T. Kawabe	180 00	
Salary for new worker	180 00	
Sumoto, chapel rent	30 00	
Salary of R. Takashima	180 00	
Yura, chapel rent	25 00	
Salary for S. Shirakawa	60 00	
Fukura, chapel rent	28 00	
Salary of R. Ouda	90 00	
Shizuki, chapel rent	17 00	
For publishing fund	150 00	
Rent of house for missionaries	300 00	
Contingent Fund	400 00	
Youngren, towards expenses of sickness	20 00	
For one-third of an acre of land at Osaka	1600 00	
For a house	800 00	
For a site, etc., at Sumoto, Awaji	1000 00	
For an American house	800 00	
Total	\$ 4200 00	
Less what is on deposit	1800 00	
Leave a balance of	\$ 2400 00	
Total for Japan		\$ 2400 00

CHINA

For salaries of eight missionaries, expenses in going out and the es- tablishment of the mission	\$ 7000 00	
Total for China		\$ 7000 00

OTHER EXPENSES

To be appropriated by officers of the board	\$ 300 00	
For office and traveling expenses	350 00	
Salary of secretary	520 00	
For publishing the Proceedings	35 00	
Contingent expenses	230 00	
	\$ 1435 00	
Total Expenses		\$ 1435 00
Grand Total		\$ 28402 00

TREASURER'S REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

From October 1, 1903, to October 1, 1904

FOREIGN MISSIONS

To amount on hand October 1, 1903..... \$ 5774 06

RECEIPTS

To amount receipts W. F. M. S..... \$ 19266 83
 " from estate of Rhoda Watson (deceased) (annuity account)..... 200 00
 " " sale of church in Norway..... 125 00
 " " circuits and from all other sources..... 4304 91

INDIA ORPHAN FUND

To amount from W. F. M. S..... \$ 680 44
 " " circuits, etc..... 441 30

AFRICA ORPHANS AND EVANGELISTS

To amount from W. F. M. S..... \$ 468 06
 " " circuits, etc..... 208 84
 " received for mission boxes..... 118 63
 " from W. F. M. S. for Miss Reed fund..... 199 29
 " " from bequest of Mrs. Fritchey for Pondo Land..... 600 00 \$ 26613 30

\$ 32387 36

DISBURSEMENTS

From October 1, 1903, to October 1, 1904

By amount sent to Africa missions..... \$ 9391 16
 " " India "..... 5815 41
 " " Japan "..... 4371 92
 " paid V. G. McMurry and wife..... 324 75
 " " Mrs. Agnew..... 25 00
 " " Miss Reed outfit..... 75 00
 " " Miss Hamilton outfit..... 75 00
 " " on land payments Fairview farm..... 288 95
 " " for goods for boxes, freight, duties, expenses..... 537 52
 " transferred to Africa orphan and evangelist fund..... 110 76
 " " to China mission fund..... 3030 05
 " sent to India on orphan fund account..... 878 00
 " " Africa on Africa orphan account, not including the \$110.76 above mentioned..... 450 00
 By amount paid secretary's salary..... 640 00
 " " for all other expenses including those ordered by the general conference, expenses of annual meetings, directors' meetings, legal services, postage, printing, traveling expenses of the secretary, returned missionaries, office expenses, etc., etc..... 1595 28

\$ 27608 86

Amount of disbursements..... \$ 27608 86
 Amount on hand general fund..... 3508 23
 " " " India orphan fund..... 226 90
 " " " Africa "..... 243 68
 " " " Miss Reed fund..... 199 69
 " " " Pondo Land..... 600 00

\$ 32387 36

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The secretary reports as follows:

Donations sent to the missionaries on the field..... \$ 193 90
 Amount given to Peter Magumbeni..... 119 78
 Gifts to Mrs. Lillie Agnew..... 95 07
 Hut rents, Africa..... 411 83
 Contributions from natives..... 569 84
 Amount of sale of produce..... 609 77
 \$ 2000 19

Grand total..... \$ 34387 55

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFRICA, INDIA, AND JAPAN

COUNTRY	NAME OF STATION	Number of out stations	American missionaries—Men	American missionaries—Women	Native male catechists, teachers and pastors	Native female teachers and religious helpers	Ordained native pastors	Organized churches	Members in full	Probationers	Total number of native communicants	Adherents	Communicants added last year	Natives who receive instruction regularly	Estimated number who receive instruction occasionally during the year	Boy (not orphans) supported during the past year	Girls (not orphans) supported during the past year	Boy orphans supported the past year	Girl orphans supported the past year	Boy orphans now in the orphanages	Girl orphans now in the orphanages	Total number of children in all of the Sunday-schools (not including the Sunday-schools)	Sunday-schools	Officers and teachers
Africa.....	Mavili—Inhambane	13	2		15	8	2	41	63	104	50	46	400	600	38	16	40	18	58					
Africa..	Unusa, Germiston, Transvaal, Johannesburg.....	3	1	1	1	....	1	10	26	36	35	16	100	1000	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Africa.....	Fairview.....	4	2	3	4	4	1	45	58	150	300	51	700	800	....	....	....	....	8	....	....	1	11	
Africa.....	Itembi and Ebenezer.....	9	....	2	3	3	2	35	26	65	150	24	400	600	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	3	
Africa.....	Edwaleni.....	6	1	1	1	2	1	3	9	15	40	11	75	500	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	
Africa.....	Emwadeni, Greenville.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
India.....	Yeotmal and Wun.....	2	2	6	4	3	1	8	....	13	4	....	120	1550	67	53	60	44	1	....	....	4	8	
Japan.....	Osaka and Sumoto.....	4	2	2	7	4	1	90	113	203	78	141	556	3000	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	13	
Total.....	.....	41	10	15	35	24	2	232	296	586	657	239	2351	8050	105	69	100	62	67	....	....	16	37	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFRICA, INDIA AND JAPAN—CONTINUED

COUNTRY	NAME OF STATION	Scholars	Scholars converted during the past year	Village and day schools	Scholars	Native contributions for all purposes	Amount received by the missionaries in donation	Amount from individuals for the support of native workers	Amount from individuals and societies for the support of native children	Amount received by the missionaries from all sources	Amount received from hut rents	Amount received from the sale of produce, etc., from the station	Church buildings belonging to station	Number of buildings rented for religious purposes	Number that are used both for living and school purposes by the natives	Number of school buildings belonging to the station	Number rented for school purposes	Number of buildings belonging to the station and occupied by the American missionaries	Number of acres of land belonging to the station	Value of the land	Value of all of the buildings and movable property belonging to the station and out-stations	Total value of all property belonging to the station and out-stations
Africa.....	Mavili—Inbambane.....	13	75			\$ 15 00	\$ 701 18	\$540 00					3					1	50	\$ 100	\$1050 00	\$1150 00
Africa.....	Umusa, Germiston, Transvaal, Johannesburg.....	1		\$ 242 00		16 50					\$ 4 00	\$ 38 25	1					1	1½	1750	3250 00	5000 00
Africa.....	Fairview.....	150	3	180	165 00	17 00	236 36				275 00	503 50	1	1	2			3	2333%	35000	8000 00	43000 00
Africa.....	Itemba and Ebenezer.....	55	1	64	23 15	18 50					17 85	35 72	3	1				1	700	1500	1500 00	3000 00
Africa.....	Edwaleni.....	20	2	1	12	1 30	8 90				82 88	5 30	1					1	1069	2700	1300 00	4000 00
Africa.....	Enwadeni—Greenville.....																					
India.....	Yeotmal and Wun.....	130	2	2	110	24 50	38 00	15 00				27 00	1				1	4	57½	2000	6000 00	8000 00
Japan.....	Osaka and Sumoto.....	350	14		113 89	80 00	73 52				*32 07			6				2			98 23	98 23
Total.....		705	18	21	441	\$ 569 84	\$ 193 90	\$1026 06	\$540 00	24866 47	\$ 411 88	\$609 77	10		8	2	1	13	4211%	\$43050	\$1138 23	\$64248 23

*Amount received from rent of rooms, \$13.08; interest on deposit, \$15.92.

GENERAL MISSIONS

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS WERE MADE FOR 1904-1905, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD, OCTOBER 16, 1903

Conference	Amount
ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI—To the district elder of Fairplay and Nevada districts, \$100; to the district elder of Beebe, Hot Springs and West Plains districts, \$60. Total.....	\$ 160 00
CALIFORNIA—Chico, \$100; Sacramento, \$50; Hanford, \$25. Total.....	175 00
CENTRAL ILLINOIS—Hettick circuit, \$75; Mount Vernon, \$40. Total.....	115 00
COLORADO—To the district elder of Northern district, \$50; to the district elder of Southern district, \$50. Total.....	100 00
COLUMBIA RIVER—To the district elder of Pendleton district, \$120; district elder of Spokane and Colville districts, \$50. Total.....	170 00
EAST MICHIGAN—Pastor at Saginaw, \$20; pastor at Kimball, \$20; pastor at West Bay, \$20; pastor at Mayfield and Burnside, \$20. Total.....	80 00
EAST ONTARIO—Pastor at Toronto, Ontario.....	90 00
IOWA—For Des Moines, Iowa.....	25 00
KANSAS—To Minneapolis circuit, \$15; to Eureka circuit, \$15; to Pittsburg Mission, \$30; to Kansas City, \$20; to Leavenworth, \$40. Total.....	140 00
KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE—To Louisville, Kentucky, \$40; to the conference, \$35. Total.....	75 00
LOUISIANA—To D. Day, district elder.....	75 00
MICHIGAN—To the Sherwood and Colon circuit, \$25; to the Hudson circuit, \$10. Total.....	35 00
MISSOURI—To the district elder of Bethany and Burlington Junction districts.....	50 00
MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA—For Algona, \$15; for Armstrong, \$20; for Mapleton, \$15. Total.....	50 00
NEBRASKA—For Lincoln, \$25; for York, \$15; for Lynch, \$15; for Kirkwood, \$15; for Mills and Shiloh, \$15. Total.....	85 00
NORTH DAKOTA—To pastor at Jamestown.....	30 00
NORTH MICHIGAN—To Drummond Island circuit.....	25 00
NORTH MINNESOTA—To district elder of North district, \$35; to district elder of Alexandria district, \$15. Total.....	50 00
OIL CITY—To Buffalo and Forge circuit, \$50; to Coudersport circuit, \$25; to Meadville and New Castle districts, \$50. Total.....	125 00
OHIO—To pastor at Akron, \$50; to pastor at Lima, \$45. Total.....	95 00
OKLAHOMA—To Oklahoma City, \$125; to Guthrie, \$75; to Winchester and Green Valley, \$40; to Enid, \$40. Total.....	280 00
OREGON—To district elder Eugene and Grant's Pass districts, \$75; to pastor at Salem, \$60. Total.....	135 00
PITTSBURG—To West Virginia district, \$50; for John and Malinda Spears, renewed, \$50. Total.....	100 00
PLATTE RIVER—To Minden, Axtell and Lowell circuit, \$10; to Hastings, etc., circuit, \$10; to Saint Paul and Concrete circuit, \$10; to New Helena circuit, \$10. Total.....	40 00
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—To district elder Arizona district, \$100; to Prescott, Arizona, \$50; to Santa Maria, \$25. Total.....	175 00
SUSQUEHANNA—To Saint Albans, Vermont.....	70 00
SOUTH DAKOTA—To Mitchell.....	30 00
TEXAS—For Nacogdoches district, \$75; San Antonio district, \$50. Total.....	125 00
WASHINGTON—To B. F. Smalley, \$75; to Snohomish, \$25; to Arlington, \$25; to Ellensburg and Yakima, \$40; to Hillman City and Foster, \$50. Total.....	215 00
WEST IOWA—To Council Bluffs, \$40; to Gravity and Glasgow circuit, \$20. Total.....	60 00
WEST KANSAS—To Macksville and Ness City districts, \$50; to Almena district, \$30. Total.....	80 00
WEST ONTARIO—To district elder Northwest district, \$100; pastor of Grey county mission, \$75; district elder of Hamilton and Brantford districts, \$15; district elder Sarnia and Tilsonburg districts, \$15. Total.....	205 00
WISCONSIN—To Milwaukee, First church, \$15; to Whitewater and Palmyra, \$20. Total.....	35 00
OTHER APPROPRIATIONS	
Incidental Expenses.....	\$ 220 00
Secretary's Salary.....	180 00
W. G. Hanmer's Salary.....	500 00
C. W. Stamp's Salary.....	500 00
	1400 00
Total.....	\$4700 00

TREASURER'S REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONS

RECEIPTS, OCTOBER 1, 1903, TO OCTOBER 1, 1904

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	Surplus	Deficit	Appropriations paid, 1904	Appropriations 1905
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 39 75	\$ 39 75			\$ 160 00	\$ 160 00
California.....	39 45	39 45			130 00	175 00
Central Illinois.....	221 40	221 40				115 00
Colorado.....	49 50	49 50			90 00	100 00
Columbia River.....	28 65	28 65			75 00	170 00
East Michigan.....	259 20	256 58		\$ 2 62		80 00
East Ontario.....	89 25	89 25				90 00
Genesee.....	226 80	217 83		8 97		
Illinois.....	150 15	150 15				
Iowa.....	111 15	111 15			50 00	25 00
Kansas.....	118 95	118 95				140 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	30 30	30 30			50 00	75 00
Louisiana.....	19 65	19 65			50 00	75 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	137 85	137 85			50 00	35 00
Missouri.....	45 60	45 60			125 00	50 00
Nebraska.....	36 45	40 70	\$ 4 25		100 50	50 00
New York.....	60 45	60 45			40 00	85 00
New York.....	163 35	163 35				
North Dakota.....	23 40	23 40				30 00
North Indiana.....	56 10	56 10			40 00	
North Michigan.....	252 75	252 75			40 00	25 00
North Minnesota.....	39 45	39 45			40 00	50 00
Ohio.....	133 05	133 05			115 00	95 00
Oil City.....	238 50	238 50			100 00	125 00
Oklahoma.....	99 60	99 60			300 00	280 00
Oregon.....	62 40	62 40			100 00	135 00
Pittsburg.....	189 90	189 90				100 00
Platte River.....	62 25	62 25			40 00	40 00
Southern California.....	59 85	59 85			170 00	175 00
South Dakota.....	66 90	66 90			100 00	30 00
Susquehanna.....	204 15	204 15			100 00	70 00
Texas.....	94 20	94 20			75 00	125 00
Wabash.....	122 40	122 40			100 00	
Washington.....	82 80	82 80			170 00	215 00
West Iowa.....	87 00	87 00			50 00	80 00
West Kansas.....	85 05	85 05			55 00	80 00
West Ontario.....	92 85	92 85			200 00	205 00
Wisconsin.....	126 75	126 75				35 00
Total.....	\$ 3907 25	\$ 3990 91	\$ 4 25	\$ 11 59	\$ 2795 00	\$ 3300 00

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD (Incorporated June 19, 1895).

1. Corporate name—"The General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America."

2. Object—"To collect, receive, hold, expend, pay out and dispose of any property, real or personal, or of whatsoever nature, and wherever situated, as allowed by law that may be given, obtained, or held in aid of the general missionary work of the Free Methodist church, either on the home or foreign field."

The Master's great "Commission" calls for more laborers. Who will help the board to send them forth?

FORMS OF BEQUEST

BEQUEST FOR MISSIONS.—"I give and bequeath to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, incorporated under the general law of the State of Illinois, the sum of [here state the amount]; and the receipt of the treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same."

If it be a devise of land the following form should be observed: "I give and devise [here give the title of the board as above] the following lands and premises: that is to say [brief description here], to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said board, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequests to the Church Extension Board the same as the foregoing except the name of the board.

THE BETTER WAY

A better way to aid these general benevolences of the church, if possible, is to make your gifts while you live, according to the following form.

General Missionary Board of the Free
Methodist Church of North America

14-16 North May Street, Chicago, Ill.

I.....of
hereby donate and deliver upon the conditions named herein.....
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.....

to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, for the
purposes and objects for which said corporation was incorporated.

In consideration of such donation the General Missionary Board of the Free Metho-
dist Church of North America agrees to pay said
during.....life interest annually at.....per cent, on
said principal sum. In case of sickness or disability, by giving three months' notice, said
Board agrees to pay, at any one time, an amount not exceeding.....
.....of said principal sum of.....
to supply the special needs of.....and give
.....a proper support and maintenance. Additional demands may
be made by said.....for payments from the princi-
pal to meet.....special needs, but such calls shall not be
oftener than once in three months.

All of the principal and interest of the beforementioned donation remaining in the
hands of said Board at the time of my death, shall be absolutely in the hands of the Board,
to be used as it may judge best for Missionary purposes, no reversion of principal or inter-
est to my heirs after my decease.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seal this.....
day of.....19.....

signed and delivered in the presence of (SEAL.)
..... (SEAL.)
..... (SEAL.)

For further information address the treasurer or secretary, Chicago, Illinois, 14 North
May Street.

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OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

This society is auxiliary to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

From October 1, 1903, to October 1, 1904.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES	Date of Organization	District Societies	Local Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Junior Societies	Junior Members	Missionary Tidings Taken
California.....	1895	2	7	106	45	1	12	56
Central Illinois.....	1896	3	11	250	.....	1	25	14
Colorado.....	1896	2	9	106	32	3	113	45
Columbia River.....	1890	2	3	61	22	.....	24	37
East Michigan.....	1896	4	15	246	70	.....	60	60
East Ontario.....	1894	3	19	259	168	2	.....	.....
Genesee.....	1895	5	36	442	99	5	105	287
Illinois.....	1895	4	24	361	36	.....	12	25
Iowa.....	1894	3	19	65	11	.....	.....	176
Kansas.....	1892	3	9	138	41	.....	.....	.....
Michigan.....	.....	.....	5	114	52	.....	12	.....
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	.....	.....	6	79	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Missouri.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Nebraska.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*New York.....	1893	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Dakota.....	1898	1	4	44	25	.....	10	41
North Indiana.....	1895	3	8	73	5	2	44	13
North Michigan.....	1900	2	3	38	7	.....	.....	15
*North Minnesota.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio.....	1892	2	10	109	23	1	25	24
Oil City.....	1899	4	37	444	182	8	132	.....
Oklahoma.....	1899	5	11	167	75	.....	.....	.....
Oregon.....	1896	3	13	114	19	3	28	40
Pittsburg.....	1891	5	36	566	259	13	176	135
Platte River.....	1896	2	3	63	30	1	15	20
Southern California.....	1899	1	6	120	36	2	41	50
South Dakota.....	1892	3	7	102	29	.....	39	.....
Susquehanna.....	1895	4	24	286	78	4	80	79
Texas.....	1894	1	2	12	12	.....	.....	.....
Wabash.....	1896	2	8	44	10	.....	6	13
Washington.....	1896	2	15	195	80	4	60	105
West Iowa.....	1895	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Kansas.....	1896	4	11	189	119	2	28	59
West Ontario.....	1896	5	26	308	249	4	136	71
Wisconsin.....	1891	5	20	252	54	3	48	100
Total.....		87	402	5343	1849	59	1225	1342

Life members, 36.

*No report

TREASURER'S REPORT

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CALIFORNIA—\$596.86

Mrs. Ina M. Baird	\$ 533 21
Mrs. L. V. Miser	17 15
E. Catherine Winter	15 00
Mrs. Alice Honn	11 50
Mrs. F. A. Brown	20 00

CENTRAL ILLINOIS—\$716.78

Mrs. Emma Ahlemeyer	\$ 583 53
Martha LaDue	15 00
Mrs. Melissa Heyde	110 70
Lillie E. Hood	7 55

COLORADO—\$507.59

Hattie J. Handysides	\$ 492 59
Ellen A. Crouch	15 00

COLUMBIA RIVER—\$109.93

H. Luella Betts	\$ 109 93
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EASTERN ONTARIO—\$955.82

Mrs. Charlotte Burnham	\$ 854 82
Alberta Sims	90 00
Carrie Gregory	11 00

EAST MICHIGAN—\$928.25

Mrs. Mattie J. Hoyt	\$ 865 45
Mrs. J. L. Price	16 25
Mrs. Anna L. Steer	36 55
Y. P. M. S., Gaines	10 00

GENESEE—\$1670.57

Agnes D. Derby	\$1627 99
Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Manning	15 00
F. F. Clement	4 00
Mrs. Emma Sellow Roberts	10 00
Alice Little	6 12
Mrs. R. A. Best	7 46

ILLINOIS—\$1165.58

Mrs. Lydia B. Robinson	\$1115 49
Mrs. M. Ross	9 97
Mrs. Mae Kiltz	1 25
Mrs. A. J. Besemer	12 07
S. W. Locy	2 00
Miss Elizabeth Masters	13 55
W. C. Willing	6 25
Mrs. William Everell	5 00

IOWA—\$182.36

Mrs. Myrtle H. Fish	\$ 26 00
A Friend	1 00
Mrs. Eleanor V. Huff	30 00
Mrs. L. Mendenhall	11 00
J. P. Dowd	114 36

KANSAS—\$521.24

Fanny T. Martin	\$ 468 74
Isom and Ardilla J. Lindley	25 00
Clara L. Childs	5 00
Mrs. Ida Shires	7 50
Ardilla Lindley	15 00

MICHIGAN—\$309.04

Katie C. Martin	\$ 244 04
Jennie Walls	25 00
Ida Exelby	10 00
Mrs. Laura Hitchcock	15 00
A. Wiancho	5 00
Susie Agnew (6 years old)	10 00

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA—
\$149.00

S. Ada Hall	\$ 129 00
P. O. Cole	5 00
Mrs. J. Cerney	3 50
Lillian R. Wheeler	6 00
Mrs. H. O. Radford	5 50

NEBRASKA—\$142.38

Emma Wells	\$ 141 13
D. P. Williams	1 25

NEW YORK—\$309.63

Mrs. John Cavanaugh	\$ 263 83
Augusta G. Reed	6 80
Jennie Watson	4 00
Mrs. Harvey Wakeman	16 00
Sadie King	14 00
John P. Wagner	5 00

NORTH DAKOTA—\$241.34

Emma Dynes	\$ 157 50
Mrs. Thomas Heath	59 00
Bessie Jarvis	7 44
Edith Bachman	1 00
Mrs. L. M. Ballenger	10 00
Jamestown S. S.	6 40

NORTH INDIANA—\$224.07

Orpha Williams	\$ 208 07
Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Klipsch	15 00
Loretta M. Souther	1 00

NORTH MICHIGAN—\$19.00

Mrs. Myrtie Francisco	\$ 19 00
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NORTH MINNESOTA—\$181.71

Mrs. J. S. Cornish	\$ 121 31
Mary Woodward	27 60
J. S. McCoy	1 00
Mrs. Alzina Owens	1 75
Millie Mitchell	1 00
Gladys Livingston	1 00
Sadie Randall	2 05
Mrs. N. Welter	26 00

OHIO—\$818.80

Mrs. F. L. Hall	\$ 252 36
Anna Stevens	221 03
Mrs. J. E. Williams	10 00
Youngstown Juniors	7 00
Alice E. Lewis	10 00
Mrs. Gertrude Smith	17 69
Lucille Hunter	1 00
Cynthia A. Doran	5 00
Clara M. Hayden	294 72

OIL CITY—\$2029.12

Mrs. Stella Robertson	\$1891 76
Mrs. Ethel Kernan	8 36
Mrs. E. Say	29 00
Mrs. J. E. Berkheimer (deceased) ..	100 00

OKLAHOMA—\$520.81

Mrs. Marilla S. Freer	\$ 458 16
Mrs. Alice Anderson	9 65
Cora B. Seacord	53 00

OREGON—\$372.09

Mrs. H. V. Haslam	\$ 216 40
Mrs. Phebe L. Ward	43 88
Mattie G. Scott	20 00
Malinda J. Blair	5 25
Mrs. Cora Symms	6 10
Mrs. Louise Nute	61 61
W. Cathy Bowman	14 80
Mrs. Hattie Teegarden	4 00

PITTSBURG—\$2548.21

Mrs. H. L. Speer	\$2523 21
Mt. Washington S. S.	15 00
Mrs. Clara Flickenger	10 00

PLATTE RIVER—\$278.64

Nancy R. Gaddis	\$ 278 64
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SOUTH DAKOTA—\$471.82

Mrs. Fannie M. McMullen	\$ 399 52
William Vennard	15 00
Junior Band No. 1	3 00
Junior Band No. 2	10 20
W. F. Harding	5 00
J. C. Kerr	15 00
Mrs. W. W. Smith	15 00
J. Whiteside	5 00
South Dakota for Orphan No. 1	4 00

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—\$727.91

Mrs. L. A. Sperow	\$ 722 91
Miss Johnson	5 00

SUSQUEHANNA—\$347.26

Mrs. C. A. Labrum	\$ 272 59
O. R. Feroe	10 00
Mrs. M. A. Storey	13 00
Nellie M. Whiffen	32 25

SUSQUEHANNA—Continued

Louisa H. Hunter	13 00
H. Gustavison	6 42

TEXAS—\$75.71

Mrs. S. J. McCulloch	\$ 75 71
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WABASH—\$807.96

Daisy Fritchey	\$ 195 71
Mrs. Agnew	5 00
Mrs. Daniel Schank	7 25
Mrs. Ella Fritchey (deceased)	600 00

WASHINGTON—\$1108.39

Mrs. Maggie E. Burrows	\$ 938 62
Edmonds	10 00
Mrs. Susan Eva	14 63
Mrs. W. F. Snyder	22 00
Mrs. A. L. Beers	42 10
Mrs. J. M. Allguire	13 57
Mrs. Alida Jones	5 00
Mrs. S. P. Hale	19 00
H. Luella Betts	18 47
J. W. Tuttle	15 00
William Mason	10 00

WEST IOWA—\$495.85

Mrs. Anna Taylor	\$ 495 85
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WEST ONTARIO—\$1138.87

Mrs. Hannah Eagle	\$1069 26
Ida B. Nesbitt	20 00
B. Winget	19 07
Sarina Juniors	12 77
M. Sipprell and Delia Sinden	10 00
Hartley Stevenson	1 00
Ethel Smith	77
Seth Bailey	1 00
Blanche Fleming	5 00

WEST KANSAS—\$689.89

Gertrude Thomas	\$ 653 80
Margaret A. Cook	10 00
Viola M. Ogg	24 09
Dora E. and Ethel M. Walz	2 00

WISCONSIN—\$762.24

Mrs. M. M. Doubleday	\$ 635 70
Clara Leffingwell	122 54
May Wilson	4 00

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS

Foreign Missions	\$ 17033 77
China Fund	2588 57
India Orphan Fund	735 54
Africa Orphan Fund	419 26
Native Workers in Africa	376 05
Native Workers in Japan	39 90
Native Workers in China	15 00
Inhambane Famine Fund	77 84
Inhambane Mission House	29 50
Pondo House	600 00
Nellie Reed Fund	199 29
Delegates' Expenses on hand	35 61

Total \$ 22150 33

LILLIAN CAMP JENSEN, Treasurer.

16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois.

CORRECTIONS

ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI.—The names of N. T. Holcomb and W. D. Vaughan should be added to the list of preachers having a seat in the conference. The appointments for the Beebe district should read as follows: Beebe district—R. Adams, district elder; Beebe and Antioch, J. A. Chamblor, supply; Vilona and Holland, J. Talkington, supply; Hot Springs, B. C. Dewey, supply. W. C. Bostian, evangelist.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.—The pastor's support on Vermont circuit should be \$394.

EAST ONTARIO.—The name of Floyd Appleton, missionary to China, should be given.

GENESEE.—The name of Mrs. Alma K. Pearce should appear in the list of evangelists. Her address is 511 East Seventh street, Jamestown, New York. The letter "W" should not appear in the name of Mrs. L. J. Coleman in list of evangelists. The name of J. L. Turner should not appear in the list of local preachers. Rev. F. A. Perkins was appointed conference evangelist and \$250 in cash and pledges was raised for his support the ensuing year.

ILLINOIS.—The statistical report of members for Evanston should be: Members, 49; probationers, 5; total, 54. In the committee on reforms the name of F. J. Calkins should be F. W. Caulkins. A. E. Burlison should be added to list of conference evangelists. The district elders' addresses are: H. O. Hubbard, 355 South Hoyne avenue, Chicago, Illinois; B. D. Fay, Fairbury, Illinois; F. D. Brooke, Evansville, Wisconsin. In the list of officers of the W. F. M. S., Mrs. Lydia Robinson should be treasurer.

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA.—The \$8.18 raised for foreign missions should be credited to Bonair circuit instead of the Riceville circuit. There should have been thirty-six members reported on the Minneapolis and St. Paul circuit instead of thirty. The number of full members on the Algona and Eagle Grove circuit should have been reported seven instead of nine.

NEBRASKA.—The names of the following should be added to the list of appointments: Lincoln, A. Amspoker, supply; LaPlatte, Henry Haden, supply.

OHIO.—The address of the pastor of the Hume and Cridersville circuit should be Cridersville, Ohio.

OREGON.—In report on Publications, on page 32 in paragraph 4, sixth line, it should read "denominational," instead of "undenominational." First word in line 4 of "Samples," on page 32, should read "They," instead of "The." On page 33, in sixth line from top, instead of "trumpet," read "trump." In next to last line of verse 4 of "Samples," read "Pluto's shades," instead of "Plutarch's shades." In last line of same verse read "hell's," instead of "Paine's."

PITTSBURG.—In list of appointments of Rochester district, the following should appear: Chester—E. L. Garrow, Chester, West Virginia.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—The names of Rev. S. Waite and B. F. Hubbard should be added to the Board of Trustees of Wessington Springs Seminary.

WEST IOWA.—The name of A. K. Mains should appear as having been given a certificate of good standing with view to transfer.

WEST KANSAS.—The names of J. E. Crawford, local deacon, and of Anna R. Turner, Anna E. Lyness and Carrie H. Bowers, evangelists, should appear in the lists.

[With one or two exceptions the above mistakes were made by the annual conference secretaries.—OFFICE EDITOR.]

